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Wilson dismisses Wright's conspiracy theories as 'daft'

Thatcher says no to inquiry on 'MI5 plot'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday resisted growing political pressure to investigate allegations of a plot by MI5 officers to overthrow the Wilson government.

She insisted in the Commons that she had no responsibility for events which took place before she took office.

She stonewalled demands for a statement on allegations in the book *Spycatcher* by Mr Peter Wright, by referring again to a statement by Sir James Callaghan, former Labour Prime Minister, about his 1977 inquiry into claims about security services.

But the opposition parties said last night that they would continue attempts to win a statement from the Government, and voiced dissatisfaction with Mrs Margaret Thatcher's response.

Although Whitehall sources claimed that Sir James's statement had referred to allegations in the Wright book, this has already been refuted by Mr Merlyn Rees, former Labour Home Secretary, who said the inquiry dealt only with the use of bugging devices at Downing Street.

Opposition MPs pointed to a statement by Sir James at the end of last month, when he declared his readiness to inform Mrs Thatcher about relevant aspects of the 1977 inquiry, a move which was seen as backing demands for a fresh inquiry.

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Some of Sir James's colleagues believe he is preparing to intervene on the issue, but his office said last night that he "has no present intention of making a statement."

Mr David Steel, Liberal leader, led demands yesterday for a statement. He said there could be "no cover-up of treason" and the secret services could not be allowed to operate as a state within a state. "It would be helpful if the Government, instead of spending time and effort trying to stuff various cats back into their bags, set up a new inquiry."

Mrs Thatcher said there was nothing she could add to Sir James's 1977 statement, with which Lord Wilson of Rievaulx had associated himself at the time.

In reply to a Labour MP she said: "I have no ministerial responsibility for events before I came to office. There was a statement in this House that these events were inquired into at the time."

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, said that under the sub judice rule, MPs could not debate the decision of Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, to proceed against some newspapers for publishing the Wright allegations.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, asked whether there was a case for looking at the sub judice rule, because newspapers outside Britain could refer to and examine the issues.

"The last thing any democrats could want is the precedent to be created that would effectively blanket out free expression in this country in the way the Government so clearly wants."

Mr Tony Benn, who was in the Wilson Cabinet, failed to get an emergency debate on Mrs Thatcher's "refusal to answer questions about the new situation in relation to statements made by a former MI5 officer that he and others attempted to subvert an elected government".

Earlier Mr Benn said that the Director of Public Prosecutions should consider acting against those who took part in the alleged MI5 plot.

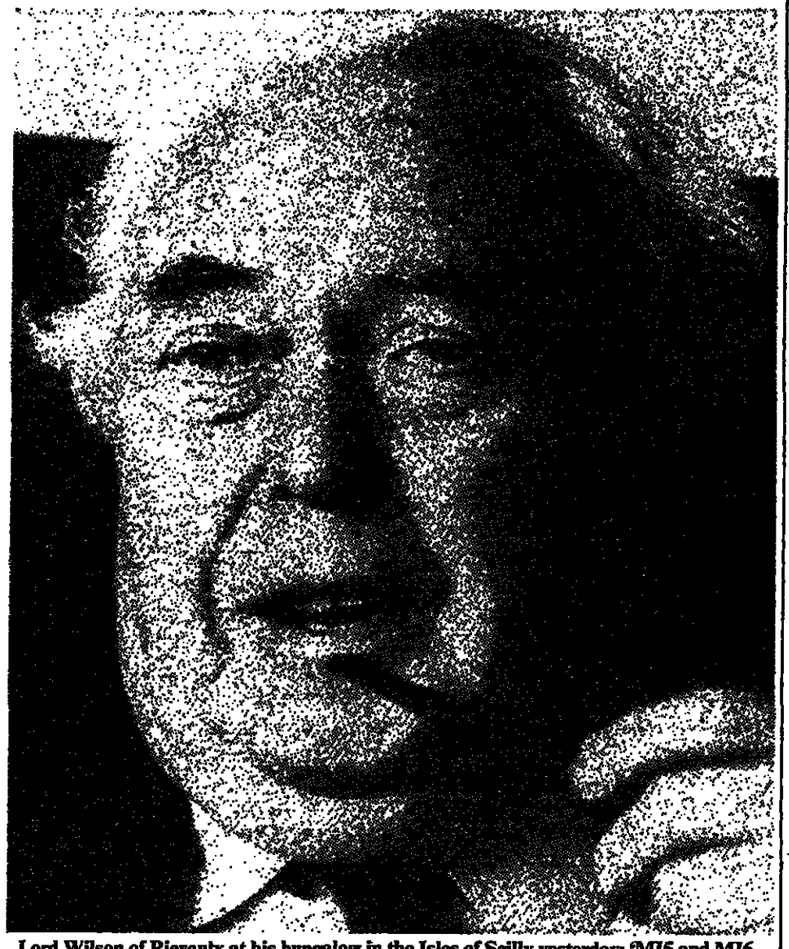
On BBC Radio he recalled a conversation he had in 1968 with Mr Cecil King, a former chairman of Daily Mirror Newspapers, and then head of the IPC publishing empire.

He said Mr King told him that Mr Wilson would soon be swept away in a coalition government.

Mr Benn said: "I did not know then what is now alleged, that at the time Cecil King was not only a member of the court of governors of the Bank of England, which gave him enormous economic influence, and also head of IPC, but also that he was an MI5 man. I reported it to Harold Wilson that night. Later King came to be dismissed.

"In the light of what we now know it is really a matter of great public concern whether MI5 had this man in the bank and running the *Daily Mirror* and engaged at the same time in the conspiracy against an elected Government."

Yesterday, Dame Ruth Railton, the widow of Mr King, angrily denied that he was involved in an MI5 plot.



Lord Wilson of Rievaulx at his bungalow in the Isles of Scilly yesterday: 'MI5 and MI6 lived in a dream world of their own'. (Photograph: John Manning).

Ex-leader scorns rumours

By Michael McCarthy

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, declined yesterday to associate himself with calls for an inquiry into the allegation by the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, that there was a plot by MI5 officers to destabilize the Wilson government in 1974.

Lord Wilson, the former Labour prime minister, Mr Harold Wilson, told *The Times* "he had no evidence at all, one way or another" as to the truth of the matter and commented: "I think if Mrs Thatcher receives any information to change the situation obviously she would decide how to react but there is no sign of that."

In his bungalow in the Isles of Scilly he referred wrily to the security services in his time as "living in a dream world" and said that such a plot by them would have been "daft" rather than grave.

He poured scorn on the suggestion that Mr Cecil King, the former chairman of the International Publishing Corporation, long rumoured to have taken part in a 1968 plot against the previous Wilson administration, had been an MI5 agent, said he had never heard of Mr Harry Wharton, the man named in a House of Commons motion as Mr King's MI5 "controller".

In 1977 Mr Wilson associated himself with the findings of the Callaghan government inquiry into allegations that his office had been "bugged" by the security service, and yesterday Lord Wilson again aligned himself with that inquiry's conclusion that no such thing had happened.

"All this stuff about my rooms in Downing Street and the Commons being bugged: they certainly wouldn't have been able to do that without being found out, unless there was somebody 'within', which I don't believe for a moment," he said.

Speaking of MI5 and MI6, Lord Wilson said he very rarely saw their actual offices, doing most of his dealings with them through the Cabinet Secretary, who referred to them as "our friends". A plot against him by certain members was not impossible, he said.

But the important point to establish, he went on, was the seriousness of any such plot.

Ferry's operators accept the blame

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Townsend Thoresen yesterday formally admitted responsibility for the Zeebrugge ferry disaster in which nearly 200 people lost their lives off the Belgian coast.

They did so through Mr Anthony Clarke, QC, who is representing them at the public inquiry into the disaster.

At the beginning of his opening speech for the ferry operators, Mr Clarke said he wanted to make it clear that the company accepted responsibility, irrespective of whether the fault was that of the company itself or of its employees, and to express its determination that nothing like the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise should ever occur again.

Before Mr Clarke spoke, the company had already encountered renewed criticism with counsel representing several interests endorsing complaints made the previous day about inadequate procedures on board, and poor response to operating difficulties which had been reported by masters of Townsend Thoresen ferries over a period of years.

Mr Charles Haddon-Cave, representing passengers and their families, said the response of the company's managements to the masters' difficulties appeared to have been dilatory and penny-pinching and revealed a general attitude of complacency.

On behalf of Captain David Lewry, master of the Herald, and Mr Leslie Sable, chief officer, Miss Belinda Bucknall said they accepted the overall responsibilities attendant on their ranks and duties but neither of them "considers that personal blame attaches to them in any material respect".

Mr Clarke said the ferry should not under any circumstances have left the harbour at Zeebrugge with her bow doors open. The company considered the reason the

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Banks cut the base rate to single figure

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street banks yesterday cut base rates to single figures for the first time for two and a half years, after they were given the go-ahead by the Bank of England.

The Bank's signal, which surprised and delighted financial markets, came in response to another strong rise for the pound. Barclays was the first to cut its base rate from 10 to 9.5 per cent. By the close of business, all the big banks had cut the cost of borrowing.

The reduction took base rates into single figures for the first time since the damaging sterling crisis of January 1985, and was seen by analysts as the end of the pound's long period of convalescence.

The cut came as the Confederation of British Industry unveiled the results of its most optimistic industrial trends survey for 10 years, with both domestic and export orders rising strongly, and with the loss of jobs in manufacturing slowing sharply.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, stressed: "The cut is a step in the right direction, but we hope to see another reduction soon."

But CBI leaders remain worried about the threat of a world economic slowdown and increasing protectionism.

Share prices rose strongly in response to the base rate cut, the optimistic CBI survey and good first quarter figures from ICI. The FT 30 share index rose by 24.2 points to 1,589.4. The wider FTSE-100 index jumped by 35.5 points to 2,022.1.

The base rate cut reduction has no immediate implication for mortgage rates charged by the larger building societies, which are due to come down to 11.25 per cent on Friday. But Mr John Spalding, chief executive of the Halifax Building Society, said: "A further half point off base rates would mean we could consider another cut in mortgage rates."

The building societies will announce cuts in rates for savers this week and several small and medium-sized societies, who did not follow the lead of the larger societies in announcing a mortgage rate cut last month, will now reduce their rates.

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Base rate details
CBI survey
Rolls-Royce price

Although the Bank of England will proceed cautiously in reducing interest rates, City analysts expect further reductions if the pound continues to show strength.

Yesterday the pound lost 1.35 cents to $1.6520 against a stronger dollar, which gained against all currencies. But the pound rose to DM2.97 against the mark, and the sterling index was unchanged on the day at 72.9.

● Rolls-Royce shares are to cost 170p each, valuing the company at £1.36 billion. The minimum application for 400 shares will cost £680. Payment will be in two parts — 85p on application and 85p payable on September 23, 1987. Certain institutional investors will receive preferential allocations of up to 60 per cent of the issue. This will be reduced if the issue is more than twice oversubscribed.

Ulster security policy under fire after killing

By Richard Ford

The Government's security policy was under renewed criticism last night after the Provisional IRA killed a member of the outlawed "loyalist" Ulster Volunteer Force in a gun attack on a crowded street in Belfast.

Gunmen shot William Marchant as he stood outside the headquarters of the Progressive Unionist Party on the loyalist Shankill Road. Two elderly women were also injured but their condition is not serious.

The Provisional IRA said they had killed Mr Marchant, who, they alleged, was second in command on the Ulster Volunteer Force and had been involved in the killing of Lawrence Marley, a leading Provisional IRA terrorist.

The terrorists opened fire with a rifle and pistol from a car containing four people. The attack occurred as Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, visited the spot where the Provisional IRA murdered Lord Justice Gibson.

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said in a message to the force yesterday that he had put a number of recommendations on combating terrorism to Mr King.

Meanwhile a former Presbyterian moderator accused the Prime Minister of having neither "concern nor compassion" for the victims of terrorism.

Dr Robert Dickinson was speaking at the funeral of Ulster Defence Regiment Private Mr William Graham

Libya sets jailed Briton free

From Austin Sammut
Valletta

Mr Robert Maxwell, the Scottish engineer imprisoned for more than six years in Tripoli, arrived at Luqa airport, Malta yesterday evening after being set free by the Libyan authorities.

Mr Maxwell, who was accompanied by his wife, Grace, and his son Paul, aged six, looked well but did not comment on his ordeal.

He was met on the runway by two British High Commission officials and whisked away after clearing passport control, so that waiting journalists were unable to speak to him.

He is expected to fly to London today.

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Iran probe goes to top

The US Special Prosecutor, Mr Lawrence Walsh, yesterday said his criminal investigation into the Iran arms scandal covered possible violations by high government officials and that large sums of money remained unaccounted for. "Those most knowledgeable resist public disclosure," he said in a report to Congress.

Beirut advance

Syrian troops are moving further into Beirut's southern suburbs, encircling Hezbollah groups thought to hold foreign hostages and separating rival militias ..... page 9

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Paper money

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Tebbit denounces spoof manifesto

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Average families and pensioners on low incomes would face extra bills of about £30 a week if the Conservatives win the general election, the Labour Party claimed yesterday as it warned that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's "bloodlust" was propelling the country towards "American-style extremism" in social policy.

The accusations were contained in remarks linked to the publication of Labour's look-alike "Tory election manifesto" complete with its beacon logo, which was later denounced by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, as a "rag-bag of deceits and smears".

As the increasingly feverish pre-election political skirmishing hotted up, Mr Tebbit said Labour was indulging in extraordinary "dirty tricks".

The manifesto, purporting to reveal the Conservatives' hidden programme for a third term of power, was launched by Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, and Mr Gordon Brown, its regional affairs spokesman.

Mr Brown claimed that the Tories were planning to extend 15 per cent rate of VAT to food, fuel and newspapers, and to push up council rents by £12 a week.

Meanwhile, an Audience Selection poll taken last weekend for today's *Sun* gives the Conservatives a decisive 9 per cent lead over Labour. The figures, on a sample of 1,003, show the Tories on 41 per cent, Labour 32 per cent and the Alliance 24 per cent.

The case for a June poll was also strengthened by yesterday's 0.5 per cent cut in interest rates

The Real Conservative Manifesto (Price £1.60, 36 pages. Available from the Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JT).

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German missiles may delay accord

By Andrew McEwen and Alan McGregor

A Soviet official in Geneva said yesterday that Moscow would require West Germany's shorter-range missiles to be included in the proposed East-West arms deal.

The development threatened to increase Europe's difficulties in achieving an agreed response to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's proposals.

Mr Alexei Obukhov, the chief Soviet negotiator at the Geneva talks, gave Moscow's position during a press conference on the draft treaty which he submitted to his US counterpart on Monday.

He was asked about the 72 Pershing 1A launchers, which are owned by West Germany and have both nuclear and conventionally armed missiles. The former are controlled by the US.

Until now the weapons have not been a main focus of attention, but the West has argued they do not figure in Nato's strategy of flexible response and should not be taken into account.

Mr Obukhov said they should be included in any deal and must go.

"The Soviet side is principally in favour of maintaining balance in military forces, nuclear or conventional, so that neither side has got advantages over the other in the process of reducing the level of military confrontation. If there are particular concerns they should be solved to the satisfaction of both sides," he said.

The Pershing IA is the only Western missile in the shorter-range or SRINF group. The Soviet Union has 130 to 150 launchers for SS 12, SS 22 and SS 23 missiles.

Mr Gorbachov's offer to Mr George Shultz to eliminate the entire SRINF category was repeated by Mr Obukhov.

He described the Soviet draft as "a compromise taking into account a whole range of important provisions in the US draft tabled in March" and predicted that "a treaty can be achieved already this year."

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Dogfight as BCal grabs Seoul route from BA

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Rivalry between Britain's two leading scheduled airlines flared up last night in the wake of a Government decision to make British Caledonian the official "flag" carrier on the route between London and Seoul, South Korea.

Both BCal and BA had hoped to obtain official designation to fly to Seoul in time for next September's Olympic Games. But Korea made it plain that only one would be allowed to fly the route in competition with Korean Airways.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Aviation, announced yesterday that, in line with the Government's "commitment to the multi-airline policy", BCal had got the route.

A BA spokesman said: "We just hope that BCal have got the ability to capitalize on this opportunity on behalf of British aviation. But their recent record does not inspire confidence."

A spokesman for BCal said: "The reluctance of British Airways to use its licence (on the route) in the past has meant that London has been losing out to competition from European airports and European airlines in attracting the very important traffic between the two countries. Unlike BA we intend to use our licence to good effect and turn it into a success."

The tone shows the bitter rivalry which has developed. BA has said it believes there is room only for one large international scheduled airline in Britain and that it is determined to grab every opportunity of expanding its network.

BCal has consistently warned that it and other independent airlines are in danger of being swamped by the newly privatized giant

The Government is trying to satisfy both. Mr Spicer pointed out yesterday that BCal has been granted the licence to ensure that both airlines get equal opportunities. But he will equally be arguing BA's case for increased traffic rights between Hong Kong and Peking, during a Far East visit he began yesterday.

BA's scepticism about the long-term viability of the BCal licence is based on the fact that it will have to fly to Seoul via Anchorage. Both airlines had originally hoped to operate to Korea via Tokyo, but this was impossible because the Soviet Union, which does not recognize South Korea, refused to allow the flight over its airspace, and because Japan wants the Seoul link to remain in Far East hands.

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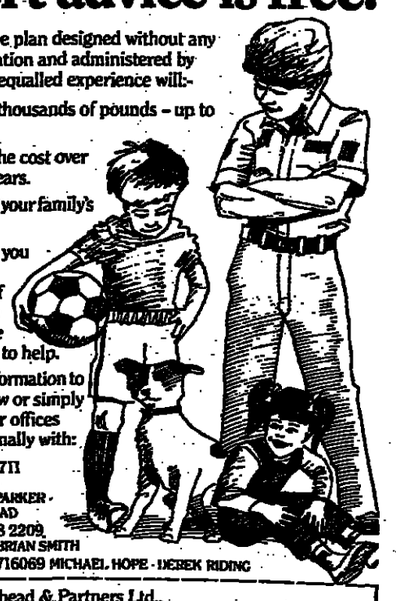
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Constable saved for Tate by gift

The Clore Foundation has come to the rescue of the Tate Gallery, providing the final £430,000 needed to secure a John Constable masterpiece, "The opening of Waterloo Bridge", which was offered to the Tate last year at a concessionary price of just under £3 million.

Mr Alan Bowness, director of the Tate, welcomed the intervention of Mrs Vivien Duffield, daughter of the late Sir Charles Clore, who engineered the gift.

The painting was sold in 1955 by Lord Glenconner to Mr Harry Ferguson, of the tractor family, and it was offered to the Tate last year by Mrs A J Sheldon, his daughter. The picture's valuation was £4 million.

Aid plan for cities

The Government yesterday launched a new campaign, "Action for Cities", to stimulate economic regeneration in urban areas.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General, said that inner-city task forces were to be supplemented through grants to fight unemployment. Training programmes, aimed particularly at young people and ethnic minorities, were to be improved, as were local enterprise agencies and development funds to encourage new businesses.

Leisure complex

Approval has been given for Britain's biggest shopping and leisure complex, on a 110-acre former steelworks site at Wednesbury, West Bromwich.

The £350 million Sandwell Mall scheme is expected to create up to 10,000 jobs in an area with 16 per cent unemployment.

It will include a Disneyland-style fantasy park, 300 shops, a multi-screen cinema, a water park, an ice rink, ski slopes, an equestrian centre and a children's village. Work is expected to start next year.

Boxer's debts

Maurice Hope, the former world boxing champion, disclosed debts of £63,123 and no assets yesterday when he appeared for public examination in the High Court in London.

Mr Paul Craig, assistant official receiver, said: "This is the classic story of rags to riches and back to rags again".

Mr Hope, aged 35, of Quinta Drive, Arkley, London, blamed his own "foolishness" in not providing properly for the end of his boxing career. He earned £100,000 a year at his peak.

The hearing was concluded.



Father's dash fails

A father's attempt to save the life of his daughter, aged two, failed yesterday when his car ran out of petrol as he rushed her to hospital.

Mr Raymond Carey, of Charter Avenue, Coventry, was taking Simone to hospital after she was suddenly taken ill at home.

He ran out of petrol outside a police station and went inside for help. A police car rushed them to hospital and Simone was placed on a ventilator, but she died 15 minutes later.

Postal peace

The threat of a postal strike receded yesterday after the postal workers' union recommended a new pay offer of a 5.1 per cent increase on basic rates.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said that he hoped the offer would be accepted.

The offer, back-dated to April 1, consists of an increase on basic rates of 5.1 per cent, or £5.30; whichever is the greater, compares with an initial offer of 3.9 per cent.

Chernobyl legacy

Restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep in parts of North Wales and Cumbria because of the Chernobyl disaster will remain this year, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, announced last night.

The decision, which affects 465 farmers in the two regions, follows tests on grass and soil which show that radioactive levels have not fallen as quickly as was hoped.

Grade leads attack on obscenity Bill

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Michael Grade, Director of Programmes for the BBC, yesterday launched a committee of writers and arts institutions to fight the proposed Obscene Publications Bill that enters the committee stage in the House of Commons today.

He said the Bill introduced by Mr Gerald Howarth, Conservative MP for Cannock and Burntwood, would have "a devastating effect on creativity in every form in this country" and said it was "an attempt by the Mary Whitehouse lobby to impose their view of the world on British television.

Mr Grade, speaking to the Broadcasting Press Guild, announced the formation of a committee to fight the "retrogressive censorship" proposed by the Bill.

The committee includes as members the British Film Institute, Royal Shakespeare Company, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts and the Writers' Guild of Great Britain.

The individuals who have agreed to support the committee include Mr John Mortimer QC, author of the *Rumpole of the Bailey* television series, Mr Paul Fox, the managing director of Yorkshire Television, Mr Tom Stoppard, the playwright, and Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the chief executive of Channel 4.

Mr Grade said that the Bill before Parliament would make it impossible to show programmes such as *The Singing Detective* in their present form because the legislation takes no account of the context or intention behind any individual programme.

He said that if the Bill was passed, broadcasters would be classified together with pornographers in the courts and that news coverage could be affected because of the danger of showing scenes such as those that occurred at the Heysel stadium riot in Belgium or the Rome airport massacre committed by Palestinian terrorists.

"Under the guise of attempting to bring broadcasting under the law, they are going to impose an extremely narrow view of what we are prepared to tolerate in this country."

He called the Bill a "blunt instrument of law" and said the legislation reflects the narrow views of Mrs Mary Whitehouse and her National Viewers' and Listeners' Association which he describes as not representative of the public.

He said that if an election is held in the next few weeks the Howarth Bill will die, but "make no mistake, this lobby will be back a third, a fourth and a fifth time. It would be a tragedy if we allowed Mrs Whitehouse and her friends in Parliament to decimate and deprive people of the artistic endeavours which give a lot of people a lot of pleasure."

The Milton committee, named after the poet, John Milton, has been established to fight the Bill on behalf of all communications media including newspapers and art galleries.

The committee called the Howarth legislation an insidious measure which constitutes a "killjoys' charter".

Cudlipp springs to defence of King over spy 'scandal'

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The publicized allegations by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer, of a conspiracy undermine the Wilson Government in the 1970s were attacked yesterday by a number of people closely associated with the alleged plotters.

Lord Cudlipp, the former chairman of IPC, the publishing group, totally dismissed the allegation that the late Mr Cecil King had been involved and was controlled by one of the alleged conspirators in MI5, named by a Labour MP as Mr Harry Wharton.

Lord Cudlipp said of his predecessor as chairman at IPC : "The idea that Cecil King, at that time the autocratic chairman of the biggest publishing group in the world, was a freelance reporter or spy for MI5 is ludicrous.

"It is difficult to visualise a giant of 6ft 4ins tapping telephones or leaving messages in fig trees in Green Park."

A former senior adviser to Sir James Callaghan when he was Prime Minister, also cast doubt on the allegation that there were 30 disaffected MI5 officers who had decided to cause trouble for the Wilson Government.

The official said that none of the reports he had seen had indicated any rebellion in the ranks of the Security Service. Sir James conducted detailed inquiries into the allegations that had been made at the time about Number 10 being bugged by MI5 and had said that he was satisfied that there was no need for a special inquiry.

He reported that at no time had the Security Service, or any other British intelligence or security agency, undertaken electronic surveillance in 10 Downing Street.

The Callaghan official said that Number 10 had been filled with rumours but nothing had been substantiated.

He said : "The bugging claim arose because of wires that were seen behind a picture but it turned out that they were just wiring to illuminate the picture. There were also reports of people jumping over the wall from Horseguards Parade into the garden at Number 10.

"As far as we were concerned we couldn't find any trace of any plot. The stories circulating were so bizarre, there was a tendency to just dismiss them. What was odd, however, was that Harold Wilson made all the allegations about being bugged by MI5, but then he changed his mind."

The former official said that Lady Marcia Falkender, a close adviser to Mr Wilson (now Lord Wilson of Rievaulx), had her house burgled but he claimed there was nothing to connect that incident with the overall conspiracy theory.

There was also mystery yesterday over the former MI5 official Mr Harry Wharton, named by the Labour MP Mr Dale Campbell-Savours as one of the conspirators.

Mr. Campbell-Savours said yesterday that he had checked out Mr Wharton and was sure of his facts. But it was unclear yesterday what part, if any, he may have played in the alleged plot.

According to sources, Mr Wharton worked during the last war in Security Intelligence in the Middle East (SIME), under Sir Maurice Oldfield who went on to become head of MI6.

Mr Campbell-Savours claimed that Mr Wharton was Mr King's MI5 controller and that he was one of the leading co-conspirators in the plot to bring about the downfall of the Wilson Government.

Mr Wright is also alleged to claim in his book *Spycatcher* that Mr King had been a long-time agent of MI5 and he was known to be very anti-Wilson.

But Lord Cudlipp said yesterday: "Cecil, who was always brutally frank, was incapable of keeping a secret for more than five seconds

A former senior officer in MI5 confirmed yesterday that a man called Harry Wharton had been a member of the Security Service but could remember nothing about him.

Dame Ruth defends husband

By Philip Jacobson

The widow of Mr Cecil King, former chairman of the International Publishing Corporation, who died earlier this month, has vehemently rejected suggestions that her husband was a leading light in an alleged plot by MI5 to overthrow the Wilson government in 1974.

Speaking from her home in Dublin, Dame Ruth King said that neither she nor Mr King had ever met an intelligence officer, Mr Harry Wharton, who has been described in press reports as the late IPC chief's "security service controller".

Pointing out that she and her husband had set up home in the Irish Republic after he was removed from the IPC board in 1968, she insisted that it was impossible he could have been recruited to work towards overthrowing Mr Harold Wilson.

About two weeks before Mr King's death, she disclosed, journalists working on a television project had approached her to ask if he had known anything about the Wright book and its apparent references to the involvement of MI5 and MI6 in the so-called "Wilson plot".

Dame Ruth said she had asked her husband, who was by then seriously ill but still perfectly lucid, what to say and he had made the following statement: "As far as I know, I have never had any dealings with anybody from the security services, MI5 or MI6, so it follows that I know nothing about this matter."



With a lookalike cover that includes the Conservative Party logo, a document containing what the Labour Party insists are the hidden post-election intentions of the Government is displayed by Mr Bryan Gould, Labour MP for Dagenham.

Teachers 'not told how to teach'

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Radical changes in the way school teachers are trained are called for in a report by Her Majesty's Inspectors published yesterday. They say too many teacher training colleges are offering students an inadequate preparation for life in the classroom.

The most urgent need, the inspectors say, is to up-date the experience of college staff, some of whom have not taught children for more than a decade.

Their greatest concern is that student teachers are not being taught enough about teaching in general, let alone about how to teach particular subjects. Very little time is being given to the primary school curriculum.

The teaching of English was another cause for concern, the inspectors say. "The majority of courses provided students with insufficient help to understand clearly the place of English, or language, within the whole primary curriculum." There was "little evidence anywhere" of grammar being studied.

Students preparing to teach in secondary schools are often taught little or nothing about how to prepare pupils for public examinations, the inspectors add. At the other extreme, some students are led to assume that examinations are of paramount importance.

The inspectors also complain about the "scant attention" paid to the industrial and commercial relevance of the secondary school curriculum.

Another criticism is directed at the failure of most colleges to tell students how to cope with parents. "For the most part, students were ill prepared to accommodate the demands of parents or to adjust to the constraints upon the education service."

Quality in Schools: The Initial Training of Teachers (HMSO, £4.95).

'Hit list' brings threat of strike

Thousands of Civil Servants are to be urged to take industrial action if the Government attempts to implement a "hit list" of Whitehall jobs it wants to privatize.

The "hit list" claim was made yesterday by Mr John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union (CSU).

He said the Treasury has circulated a document to all Whitehall department heads listing the jobs it would like to be taken over by the private sector.

They included, he said, clerical and administrative grades, security personnel, messengers and government telecommunications workers. The union will hold talks with other Civil Service unions to unite opposition against any such proposals.

Mr Sheldon said: "They deny there is a hit list but why produce and circulate this document if that is the case.

"Since the Tories came to power our union has lost 5,000 posts and we now intend to protect the future of our remaining members."

Mr Sheldon said the move was part of pre-election government strategy to appear to be reducing the size of the Civil Service, which they perceive to be an election winner.

He added: "Rather than wait to be out-manoeuvred, we would call for industrial action before the Government puts our jobs out to tender."

The union, he said, was convinced that its members could do the jobs more efficiently and give better value for money.

Delegates speaking at the union's conference at Blackpool maintained that privatization led to the employment of non-union labour at poverty wages.

By a narrow majority the conference voted against pressing for future pay increases to be negotiated on a flat rate basis rather than percentage increases.

£700m to be spent on road schemes

By John Young

A £700 million programme of motorway and trunk road improvement schemes was announced by the Government in a White Paper yesterday.

The proposals increase the total construction programme to 373 schemes under construction or in preparation, with a total value of £5,000 million.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, rejected suggestions that the announcement had been timed to coincide with the expected general election.

But his statement emphasized the Government's commitment to road construction and modernization and claimed that capital spending on maintenance had increased by one and a half times in real terms since the Conservatives came to power in 1979.

By-passes, the most environmentally valuable roads, were a very important part of the programme, he said. Thirty-nine had been completed since 1983, and 21 of the 82 new schemes in the programme announced yesterday were by-passes.

"That means many more happy people", he said.

The White Paper points out that road transport accounts for more than 90 per cent of passenger miles travelled within Great Britain and 60 per cent of tonne miles for freight transport.

The latest programme includes 12 motorway widening schemes and 16 junction improvements. Among the more significant by-passes is the A499 to relieve traffic in Kidderminster, Stourbridge and Wolverhampton.

Pocket phones at £100

By Robert Matthews

The frustration of being unable to find an empty telephone box in working order may soon be at an end.

Miniature cordless telephones costing far less than cellular phones yet offering high standards of reception are being developed to take advantage of changes in the telephone network due to be announced soon by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Electronics companies are predicting that it will eventually be possible to call anywhere in the world from virtually any location in Britain, with the calls being passed into the STD system via a national network of special receiving devices.

One company, Shaye Communications, of Winchester, Hampshire, intends putting the first of the new telephones on the market next year, at a cost of between £100 and £200 – a tenth of the price of portable cellular telephones.

Mr Bill Jeffrey, managing director of Shaye, said that the new telephones would fit into top pockets, yet operate more than half a mile from the nearest receiving unit. The telephones will run on the STD network.

The natural extension, Mr Jeffrey said, was the Telepoint system, in which receiving devices would be built into all existing telephone boxes and even telephone poles, allowing cordless calls to be made around the world from anywhere in Britain.

The demand for the telephones is likely to be great. Paging devices, which allow only one-way communication, are used by about 400,000 people and cordless telephones by about 300,000.

Vital questions for solicitors

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The legal profession in England and Wales is being asked today in a paper from the Law Society whether solicitors should be allowed to join accountants, surveyors and other professionals in mixed practices to offer consumers "one-stop shopping."

The decision on mixed partnerships, which are prohibited by legislation and practice rules, and on other linked issues such as whether they should be able to practise as limited companies, are critical to the future shape of the profession.

In a covering letter to about 84,000 lawyers, judges and legal executives, Mr John Wickerson, the Law Society president, says that the issues "are perhaps the most fundamental to have faced solicitors since we emerged as an independent self-regulating profession in the last century."

But he adds the consultation should not be "regarded as just an exercise forced on us by outside pressure". Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, made clear in a report last summer that in his view the professions should be allowed to join in fee-sharing practices if they wanted to and that rules prohibiting this should be abolished.

But the legal profession is deeply split.

The discussion paper, drawn up by Mr John Hayes, the society's new secretary general, seeks solicitors' views so that the Law Society council can formulate a strategy.

The paper concludes that the question is whether mixed practices with specific professions can be achieved without "irreconcilable conflicts in standards, or unacceptable reductions in the controls and safeguards for the clients."

It comes against a background of commercial pressure on the profession.

The conveyancing monopoly has been eroded.

● The Government looks set to face an embarrassing defeat in the Lords over proposals to tackle too-lenient sentences, after mounting opposition from senior judges and Conservative and Labour peers.

Lord Campbell of Alloway, a Conservative, has tabled an amendment that clause 29 of the Criminal Justice Bill, which would enable the Court of Appeal to review but not increase sentences, be removed.

Bart's turns away patients

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A London teaching hospital is to turn away patients referred from outside the district, after a decision to cut patient numbers by 2,700 during the next 12 months.

St Bartholomew's Hospital in east London is to lose 50 beds when two wards are closed in an attempt to find savings of £1.25 million to stay within the district's £88 million budget. At a meeting of City and Hackney health authority on Monday night, members also agreed to reduce patient intake by 7 per cent, the equivalent of 225 people a month.

However, the hospital is hoping to avoid soaring waiting lists by asking GPs out of London to refer their patients elsewhere.

Local residents will now take priority over patients from districts outside London, particularly those gaining from the Government's Resource Allocation Working Party policy of redistributing resources out of the city.

"Once we have reached our monthly quota we will write to GPs referring from other districts and ask them to send their patients to local hospitals", Dr Ken Grant, the district general manager, said.

He made it clear that all referrals would be assessed by consultants before letters were sent to GPs, but he still expects the number of non-local patients to drop by a third.

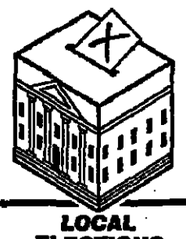
Dr Grant said the hospital had been working at its maximum capacity but would become less efficient when the two wards close. "We will have the staff and the theatre space to treat more patients but we will not have the money to do so. There is no reward for being efficient in the NHS."

Consultants at St Bartholomew's have also agreed to a range of other economies which include reducing the frequency of follow-up appointments, amalgamating out-patient clinics, setting strict schedules for operating theatre and clinic times, and restricting doctors' access to expensive drugs and diagnostic tests.

Mr Michael Taylor, St Bartholomew's general manager, said that the hospital was determined to maintain the quality of patient services But the continual removal of funds by the regional health authority means that we will now be directly curtailing our activity."

Liberals' new broom hopes for a clean sweep

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor



LOCAL ELECTIONS

Cleaning up is all the rage in Liverpool with the approach of the city's most crucial council elections in years.

Labour is keen to convince the voters that it has almost finished cleaning up the party after years of Militant Tendency domination.

The Alliance, really the Liberals under Sir Trevor Jones, leader of the caretaker administration, has taken on 106 extra dustmen and has anti-graffiti groups and flower planting squads out spring-cleaning the city, underlining the message that, given overall power, it could also clean up Liverpool financially and politically.

The lord mayoralty, with Sir Trevor's wife, Lady Jones, donning the plumed hat, has been revived from its abolition by Labour in 1983.

There will be 59 seats at stake on May 7. Normally it would be 33 of the total of 99, but in March the House of Lords disqualified 47 Labour councillors for refusing to make a rate in time. That cut Labour's representation on the council by 43, from 54 to 11, and increased the number of contests.

The Conservatives are already down to a pathetic rump of seven seats, which is likely to suffer a further tactical squeeze. The Alliance holds 38, having won a by-election from Labour in St Mary's ward on April 9.

The Alliance needs 12 seats for an overall majority and is likely to come close. Last May it polled 6,000 votes more than Labour, taking 46 per cent to Labour's 42.

Some of the key wards being contested this time, in Smithdown, Dingle and Anfield, are wards where the Alliance has won before.

Sir Trevor is bubbling with enthusiasm for what he claims will be a new era of openness. Cooperative housing projects are back. Plans are afoot to sell council blocks to Barratt, the builders, instead of demolishing them and there are schemes for developing the derelict North Docks into a tourist complex.

A letter will go out this week to council employees, pledging no redundancies and no privatization.

But were a Liberal administration to be elected it would face the legacy of heavy Labour borrowing. Loans of about £60 million from Swiss and Japanese banks, due to be repaid at a cost of another £32 million by 1994, will use up much of the city's funds in the next few years.

Opponents blame underspending by Liberal-run councils between 1974 and 1983 for the city's low grant assessments by the Government and for the consequent rundown in services.

Mr Keva Coombes, former leader of Merseyside District Council and now convenor of the Labour 11 on the city council, says the burst of Liberal activity is all show and no substance or, in a traditional Liverpool phrase, all fur coat and no knickers.

He says the Liberals have garnered the strong anti-Labour vote always available in Liverpool and appear to be the party of consultation. "But all they ever decide is to have another meeting."

Labour is dogged by problems, not least that Mr Coombes is fighting Hyndburn, Labour's second best prospect for a gain, at the General Election and is unlikely to be available for a leading council role.

He admits the troops melted away during the party's civil war and that disbandment of the district Labour Party by the national executive has left them without an effective machine.

But Mr Coombes says Labour can beat the Militant handicap. It has fought elections for years with every Labour candidate branded an extremist by opponents.

Mr Peter Kilfoyle, the Labour organizer on Merseyside, insists it is not an issue. "We have learned the lessons of the past three or four years. There will be no more strident demogoguery. Our policy is not one of looking for confrontation."

Mr Coombes and Mr Kilfoyle pay tribute to the achievements of the Militant ers in improving housing and the environment, but both admit that mistakes were made, for example in rejecting cooperative housing schemes.

They say Labour would have to go on spending to tackle Liverpool's problems, in the hope that the Government recognizes that the city is underfunded.

But with Militant claiming that 15 of Labour's candidates are supporters and another 10 are sympathizers, they are not yet rid of the scourge.

Mr Coombes said: "The cold facts make it difficult. We are defending more than our quota. Liverpool is not an island and we are suffering from the national perception of the party at present."

Maze officers 'terrorized' in escape plot

Fifteen prison officers were stripped and told they would be killed when republican inmates launched the mass escape from Maze prison, Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday.

Inmates armed with guns and woodwork tools then hijacked a prison lorry to take them through security gates inside the complex, and staff at the main gate were beaten back, the prosecution said.

Lord Lowry, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, had an armed guard yesterday at the start of the trial of 18 men, who deny charges concerning the escape of 38 prisoners 3½ years ago. Sixteen are accused of the murder of a prison officer, who was stabbed to death.

The trial continues tomorrow.

Fee-paying schools report record rise in number of pupils

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The number of pupils at independent schools rose by a record 2.2 per cent last year in spite of an average 11 per cent rise in fees and a continuing fall in the total number of children of school age.

The figures, announced yesterday by the Independent Schools Information Service, also disclose that fee-paying schools are attracting a "new breed" of pupils from traditionally working-class backgrounds and immigrant groups.

Examples of the new generation of pupils included the son of an unemployed bus driver, the daughter of a cleaning woman and the children of an Asian milkman.

The 2.2 per cent rise is from 421,000 in January 1986 to 430,000 in January of this year in the 1,300 schools that took part in the service's annual survey.

The total number of children in fee-paying schools is 550,000, 7 per cent of the school population in Britain, a proportion which has been rising steadily for the past eight years.

Last year's increase, the biggest since the first census was taken 14 years ago, is mainly attributed to concern about the disruption in state schools caused by the teachers' continued strikes and withdrawal of good will.

Mr David Woodhead, director of the service, said: "All political parties should digest the message of this census, that independent schools are increasingly attractive to parents. Attempts to abolish these schools, or to take measures which would make them more socially exclusive, would meet fierce hostility."

Both Labour and the Alliance plan to abolish the schools' charitable status and end the assisted places scheme under which the State pays all or part of the fees of 26,000 bright children whose parents would not otherwise be able to send them to an independent school.

The number of girls in the schools covered by the survey rose by 5,000 to nearly 186,000, including a small increase in the number of boarders to nearly 39,000. The number of boys rose by 4,000 to just over 244,000 with a slight decrease in the number of boarders to 70,500.

But demand for places is apparently so great now that hundreds of applicants are turned away every year.

Mr Woodhead said: "It would be hard to imagine a more consistently encouraging picture of the health of independent schools".

He added: "The social and educational mix of pupils continues to widen, not least because of the increasing proportion receiving help with fees, particularly from the schools themselves".

Mr Martin Rogers, chief master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, said: "A lot of our parents are not at all wealthy. Some have very modest means indeed."

He said immigrant parents were an important new group sending children for private education. One recent pupil was the son of an unemployed bus driver. He went on to become a doctor after leaving King Edward's.

The independent schools service emphasized the importance of assisted places for children from low-income families. At King Edward's, 40 per cent of places were assisted. The amount of financial help depended on a means test and family income.

According to the service, two-thirds of parents were "first-time buyers" who did not go to independent schools themselves, but who chose to send their children.

The survey showed that of the 430,254 pupils at independent schools affiliated to the service nearly 20 per cent of them received help with fees from various sources. Some 25,000 of these are on assisted places.

Fees at boarding schools now average £4,350 a year. Day fees average £2,700 a year in boarding schools and £1,800 in day schools. Most of the rise in fees, nearly three times the rate of inflation, is attributed to a phasing in of the teachers' pay award. The schools also increased their expenditure on buildings and equipment from £257 per pupil to £289.

The average ratio of teachers to pupils in fee-paying schools has remained constant at 1:11.7, compared with 1:21.7 in state primary schools and 1:15.7 in state secondary schools.

Homeless Bings in appeal to Harewood

By Ian Smith

The former director of the New York Metropolitan Opera, Sir Rudolf Bing, and his wife of three months, who are now destitute and living in modest bed and breakfast accommodation in a suburb of Leeds, have appealed to Lord Harewood, the Queen's cousin, for financial help.

Their solicitor has written to Lord Harewood, former managing director of the English National Opera North, asking that he enlist the aid of northern opera lovers to ease the couple's plight.

Sir Rudolf, aged 85, and his wife, Carroll, aged 47, a former geriatric nurse, arrived in Britain on April 13 after a six-week honeymoon in the Caribbean after their marriage in January.

Sir Rudolf's £600,000 estate has been frozen at the direction of a New York judge who has told Lady Bing to return her husband to Manhattan after medical diagnosis that he is suffering from a degenerative brain disease.

Their solicitor, Mr Graham Platt, a Labour member of Leeds City Council, has written to the American court asking for an adjournment of a hearing today to decide the future of Sir Rudolf's estate.

On their arrival in Britain Sir Rudolph and Lady Bing spent five days at a three-star hotel in Otley, West Yorkshire, then left on Good Friday without settling their £350 account.

Police spent five hours interviewing the couple about the unpaid hotel bill and on behalf of the immigration authorities. Police are satisfied no immigration offence was committed.

Lady Bing and her husband, who for 22 years was director of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, the world's richest opera house, were subsequently seen by social service officials to ascertain what council assistance could be offered.

Lady Bing said yesterday that an international specialist on Alzheimer's disease had said her husband was not senile, merely slightly forgetful.

"We have come here for a peaceful life for my husband and a life of respect and dignity".

"I was told the British people would respect my husband and that while he was here they would be kind to him. I feel they are ripping him apart like sharks in New York."

Lady Bing said her renowned husband remembered the past beautifully but like many elderly people was unable to remember insignificant details about the present.

Lord Harewood is touring Australia and the United States and a representative at his country home near Leeds said yesterday that although a letter had been received from the couple's solicitor Lord Harewood was not yet aware of its contents.

Department of Health and Social Security officials have also seen the couple and a spokesman described Sir Rudolf as confused although amiable and well cared for.

Sir Rudolf, who was born in Vienna, is a former director of the Glyndebourne Opera and a founder of the Edinburgh Festival. He was knighted for services to British music.



Sir Rudolf Bing and his wife of three months sitting in the sunshine in Leeds yesterday

Liver swap girl 'stable'

By Our Science Correspondent

An Israeli girl aged four was recovering yesterday from a life-saving liver transplant operation made possible by £45,000 raised by passengers and crew during her flight to Britain.

The cash collection on board an El Al jumbo jet from Tel Aviv took place last week when the 450 passengers learnt of the serious condition of the girl, Moran Kadosh, and her journey to Britain in search of treatment.

Four passengers gave up their seats on the flight, which was full, to make room for her, and a group of them organized a collection which raised £30,000.

A further £15,000 was given after an appeal over the aircraft's intercom system.

The transplant was carried out in the early hours of yesterday by Professor Sir Roy Calne, a pioneer in the specialty, in a six-hour operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

The girl's condition was later described as "stable" and she was visited by her parents, Zion and Tova Kadosh, when she regained consciousness.

When a donor organ became available on Monday, the girl was taken to Addenbrooke's from King's College Hospital, London, where she was admitted after arriving in Britain.

National Health Service patients have priority for transplants unless a private patient is assessed as more critically ill.

The girl's condition had been deteriorating in the past few days.

Children's bravery awards

Boy saved policeman from 'Giant Haystacks' attack

Craig Allen, aged 11, who saved a police officer from serious injury during an attack by a motorist weighing 20 stone, was rewarded for his bravery yesterday.

The boy, of High Road, Rayleigh, near Southend, Essex, whose ambition is to become a police officer, was one of six young crime fighters among 20 children who received Britannia Arrow-Ross McWhirter Good Young Citizens' awards in London.

The man he saved, Sergeant Joe Bowden, attended the ceremony at which he collected his medal certificate and a cheque for £100. The incident happened last November, when Sgt Bowden was working as a traffic constable. The boy ran to a garage for help when he saw the officer being strangled and kicked by the 6ft 6in motorist.

Four garage hands ran to the scene and pulled the man off the officer.

The boy said yesterday: "This man was like the wrestler Giant Haystacks".

Another award winner was Helen Quadling, aged 15, who left her sickbed and telephoned the police in whispered tones while raiders searched her parents' home.

The girl, of Daws Hill Lane, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, was in bed suffering from glandular fever when she heard noises, crept on to the landing and saw one man in her mother's bedroom and another downstairs.

Four teenagers from York were rewarded for tackling an armed man who threatened to kill two of them after an attempted robbery on a local off-licence.

Paul Manning, aged 17, and Dean Manning, aged 14, his brother, Derek Hartley, aged 15, and Craig Anderson, aged 14, pursued the man for nearly 20 minutes before police took over and detained him.



Craig Allen, aged 11, who saved a police officer



Helen Quadling, aged 15, who foiled burglars

BBC pays £50,000 court costs

The BBC had to pay £50,000 in legal costs yesterday to settle a High Court libel action brought by a chemical waste disposal company.

A *Newsnight* programme in May 1985 gave the impression Re-Chem International lacked proper concern for the safety of members of the public and exposed them to grave danger, Mr Desmond Browne, its counsel, said.

He told Mr Justice Tucker, the company specialised in the processing and disposal of chemical waste at its plant at New Inn, Pontypool, Gwent. The programme claimed a partially burned container of dangerous chemicals was found on a public tip near the plant, and the clear implication was that they were not incinerating the chemicals properly.

In fact the company did fully appreciate its responsibilities to the public and its activities were subject to stringent regulations.

Any alarm caused by the report was unfounded and "regretted" by the BBC, which said it was not its intention to defame the company or cause alarm.

Medical 'killing' threat over Aids

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Campaigners against euthanasia gave a warning yesterday that doctors will come under increasing pressure to perform "medicalized killings" on some of the growing number of Aids cases.

Terminally ill patients of all kinds must be offered all possible treatment and compassionate care but euthanasia was an unacceptable option, a conference in London was told.

The British Medical Association was criticized for setting up a working party to consider new guidelines on the ethics of the practice.

Dr Peggy Norris, secretary of the Medical Education Trust, said setting up the working party suggested that the BMA was likely to approve some form of euthanasia. It had already capitulated over abortion, she said.

Dr Karel Gunning, a Dutch campaigner, condemned the widespread practice of euthanasia in The Netherlands where, he said, between 6,000 and 18,000 such deaths a year were taking place.

"A number of Aids sufferers in Holland have already died in this way and pressure on doctors to take similar measures will increase in Britain.

"This pressure will have to be resisted. Aids is no different from any other disease. The answer is caring and curing, not killing."

Euthanasia is not legal in The Netherlands but guidelines have been drafted which free doctors from the threat of prosecution. The guidelines will detail the criteria for "mercy killing", which doctors confirm are already being observed.

According to a recent survey carried out by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, more than 13,000 British general practitioners would be willing to carry out voluntary euthanasia in carefully defined circumstances.

The BMA said yesterday that the working party was not expected to report its findings until next year. "Its object is to provide a balanced view of the subject".

The existing guidelines, issued 16 years ago, do not advocate euthanasia but acknowledge that voluntary euthanasia is supported, at least in theory, by some doctors.

Pair 'handled bullion cash'

A British Telecom legal executive and his wife dishonestly handled £100,000 cash from the £26 million Brink's Mat gold bullion robbery, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Richard and Hilary Wilder, both aged 33, had become involved because Kenneth Noye, one of the criminals at the centre of the Brink's Mat case, is Mrs Wilder's brother, Mr Nicholas Purnell, for the prosecution, said.

After the 1983 raid, Noye handed over sums of cash to the Wilders and paid for land near his home at West Kingsdown, Kent, where the couple had a new home built.

They moved in at Hever Road at the end of 1984, selling their previous house for £50,000, Mr Purnell said.

The couple deny conspiring with Noye and others to handle proceeds of the gold.

Mr Wilder had told detectives his only income was his British Telecom salary. But between February and November 1984, large sums were paid into his bank account.

While the couple were being questioned after Noye's arrest, a neighbour, Mrs Rose Ford, discovered £50,000 in new £50 notes in a bag hidden under a blanket in her garden.

Mr Purnell said that Mr Wilder was seen apparently trying to retrieve the cash and Mrs Wilder subsequently admitted she had put it there.

Forensic scientists discovered that fibres on the blanket were similar to others found on items in an airing cupboard at the Wilder home.

The cash was traced to a branch of Barclays Bank at Bedminster, Bristol, where a firm called Scadlynn, through which the bullion was channelled, had an account.

The hearing continues.

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PARLIAMENT

Speaker refuses spy book questions

Opposition MPs again tried to raise in the House of Commons the matter of the Peter Wright book, *Spycatcher*, and the Attorney General's action against newspapers that had published information from it, but were told by the Speaker that they should use other opportunities to raise it in debate.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) had ruled that the *sub judice* rule prevented discussion of proceedings by the Attorney General against newspapers, and the action of the newspapers in publishing what they did, but the content of the newspaper articles and the information they revealed were not *sub judice*.

He said that MPs should not try to raise the matter with him, as he could not help them, but that did not prevent a long series of exchanges in which Labour MPs complained that, while they could not discuss it, others outside were allowed to.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said that newspapers outside Britain, including English language newspapers, some editions of which were published in Britain, could examine the issues.

The Speaker made a statement expanding on his ruling yesterday about the extent to which the issues connected with the Peter Wright book were, for the moment, *sub judice*.

"What may not be discussed are the Attorney General's decisions to bring proceedings against newspapers and the action of the newspapers in publishing what they did."

A Labour MP: Muzzle.

The Speaker: The content of the newspaper articles and the information they reveal are not *sub judice* and MPs may continue to refer to them in debate.

There are today no new developments by way of further details from the Wright book which would allow me to use my discretionary power to grant an emergency debate.

MPs are familiar with opportunities open to individuals and the Opposition and to opposition parties to raise matters which they choose to.

It is important that MPs should pursue their wish to raise matters with ministers through the opportunities available to them, and not seek to debate them with me through thinly disguised points of order when I am in no position to help (Conservative cheers).

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said that yesterday he had tabled an early day motion.

"At around six o'clock, I was informed that the Attorney General had taken new proceedings against *The Independent* and other newspapers and you ruled that my motion became *sub judice*.

"It had the effect that the motion has been for members of the public to read in this morning's newspapers but one place they cannot read it is on the order paper of the House of Commons.

"Is this not symptomatic of what is happening? There can be widespread discussion in editorials, articles and newspapers but one place where we cannot adequately discuss the matter is here in the House."

The Speaker said that it would of course be open to Mr Steel to decide, after any court proceedings were concluded, whether he wished to renew that motion in its original or some other form.

Mr Kinnock said that everyone could see the validity of the *sub judice* rule because it ensured that the proceedings of the House could not influence the conduct of a case before the courts.

Every other newspaper in the world outside Britain and indeed English language newspapers, some editions of which were published in Britain, could to their hearts' content refer to and examine the issues thrown up by the case in point.

Was there a case for the revisiting of the traditions of the House in order to establish how the boundaries with the *sub judice* rule were drawn in this age of very easy international communication, an age for which it is possible that the proceedings of the House were not properly equated?

There was a profound question when an issue related to security and remained outside the public domain and when an issue had received such breadth of coverage and gave the impression that it was the Government's political interests that were being safeguarged rather than the interests of security.

"I raise these matters because they are fundamental to the relationship between this democratic House and a democratic free press and the conduct of Government in our country."

The last thing any democrats wanted was a precedent to be created that would mean a House without free expression in the way in which the Government so clearly wanted.

The Speaker: I am bound by the *sub judice* rule as it is operated in this House. If the House wishes to change the standing orders on *sub judice* then it is open to them to raise that matter with the Procedure Committee and no doubt this important matter will receive great consideration.

It might be for the advantage of the House if I were to set out the *sub judice* rule as expressed in *Erskine May* (the rules of parliamentary procedure). It is this:

"Matters awaiting or under adjudication in all courts exercising a criminal jurisdiction . . . should not be referred to in any motion (including a motion for leave to bring in a Bill) or in debate or in any question to a minister including a supplementary question."

The case brought by the Attorney General is of a criminal character. I am bound by that rule.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) then asked for an emergency debate on the refusal of the Prime Minister to answer a question about the new situation in relation to statements made by a former MI5 officer that he and others attempted to subvert an elected government.

He said that this arose directly out of the Prime Minister's refusal to make a statement about the allegations which were now in the public domain about illegal acts by the security services. That information was not available yesterday.

This did not relate to the court case. Today the Prime Minister had made a most remarkable statement that the law officers had no responsibility for enforcing the law when breaches occurred before they came into office.

"It is an unprecedented statement for a Prime Minister to make. Since the allegations relate to all three parties – it is not a party but a constitutional matter."

The Speaker said he did not consider that the matter raised was appropriate for discussion under the standing order for emergency debates.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savour (Workington, Lab) said that the Speaker had not quoted from *Erskine May* the words "subject to the discretion of the chair". The Speaker had some discretion as to whether these matters should be taken as *sub judice*.

They were informed that the *sub judice* ruling related to the conduct by *The Independent* and others to proceedings brought by the Attorney General against *The Observer* and *The Guardian* to be heard in the House of Lords in June and July.

There was good reason to believe that judges and law lords could never be influenced by public debate. The law lords clearly did not need or require the protection of *sub judice*. It was their case that they would not be influenced by wider debate.

The Speaker said that he had read a comment to that effect in one of the newspapers and had looked into the matter in great depth. The *sub judice* rule was a self-denying ordinance made by the House to avoid the appearance of the legislature seeking to influence the courts. Whether they would be influenced was a different matter.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that he wanted to clear confusion away from reality.

When the entire world could discuss something of intense and massive concern but MPs could not, the rest of the world had a right to be contemptuous of the House of Commons.

Millions of people would think, rightly or wrongly, that a device was being used to prevent discussion of something of public concern.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) accused the Government of placing considerations of confidentiality above the need to examine attempts to subvert a previous government.

Criminal events from the past could be raised and inquired into by law officers in a subsequent government.

If Mrs Thatcher wanted to clear the air, she could have established a royal commission to examine all the issues.

Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) angered Labour MPs when he reminded them that, since this was a day when the Opposition were able to choose the parliamentary business, they could have changed their choice of what was going to be discussed and kept within the *sub judice* requirements – if they were skilful enough in debating.

They had not changed the business. The Opposition did not want the issue debated.

Mr John McWilliam (Blaydon, Lab) wanted to know why MPs were being prevented from debating allegations of high treason.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) said that there was a possibility that the security services had behaved properly – that Lord Wilson of Rievaulx had some questions that had to be answered . . . (loud Labour protests).

Was there any organization or institution that Lord Wilson of Rievaulx could address to clear his name?

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) reminded the House that Mrs Thatcher had been willing to make a statement about Anthony Blunt, in November 1979. His treachery had occurred before she took office. So why was she now standing on the flimsy ground that she could not give a statement on the current allegations, because they had taken place before her time?

Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C) wanted to know what recent requests the official Opposition had made for review of standing orders and *sub judice*.

What about Mr James Callaghan? Was his consent required for a review of the papers?

Mr Eric Forth (Mid-Worcestershire, C) advised Labour MPs to take up the matter with Mr Callaghan – perhaps in the confidential atmosphere of the tearoom, where they might well find they would get much more information and advice (Conservative laughter).

Could they then go to the House of Lords and seek out Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and satisfy themselves as to the factual background to the matter before coming to the Commons and trying to abuse order?

The Speaker said he was in no sense seeking to stifle the matter. That would not be his function at all.

The House had the remedy in its own hands. There were many opportunities for MPs to raise it within the rules of order.

There had been an opportunity today. There were private members' motions, Opposition time, or question time – within the ruling he had made.

"I am in no sense seeking to stifle this debate."

Dr Mark Hughes (City of Durham, Lab) said that this would probably be the last time he would address the House. The discussion he had just heard had brought the House of Commons into such disrepute that after 17 years as an MP, he trusted that Mr Weatherill's successor would never have to rule that MPs were not able to discuss a matter of such importance under such circumstances.

The Speaker repeated that he had not ruled that the House might not discuss the matter. He had ruled on ways in which it could be discussed.



Mr Tony Benn: Prime Minister's statement on law officers 'most remarkable'.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, raised the question of the Wright book during Prime Minister's question time when he said: There can be no cover up of treason and the secret services cannot be allowed to operate as a state within a state (Labour and Alliance cheers). It would be helpful if the Government, instead of spending time and effort trying to stuff various cats back into their bags, set up a new inquiry into the operation of the secret services.

Mrs Thatcher: I have no ministerial responsibility for events which occurred before this Government came to office. There is nothing I can add to the statement by Mr James Callaghan in 1977, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx (formerly Mr Harold Wilson) associated himself at the time with that statement. There was a Lib-Lab pact at the time [Mr Steel shook his head in dissent].

Mr Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne East, Lab): Has she had an opportunity to read *The Independent* and the serious allegations there.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): He must bear in mind the *sub judice* rule.

Mr Corbett: I was carefully doing that.

Mrs Thatcher: Despite his attempt to get round it, I have no ministerial responsibility for events before I came to office. There was a statement in this House that these events were inquired into at the time. Not only the previous Prime Minister (Mr Callaghan), but Lord Wilson of Rievaulx associated himself with that statement.

Schools pay group soon

EDUCATION

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, will appoint members of the Interim Advisory Committee on Teachers Pay and Conditions this summer, he announced during Commons questions.

He insisted that he did not wish to be the determiner of teachers' pay and conditions and he said that he could see no reason why the Prime Minister should see Mr Fred Jarvis and Mr Fred Smithies, general secretaries of, respectively, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, to discuss a new initiative from them because they had already refused to meet him.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that it had been divisions between teacher unions and the outdated majority voting system that killed the Burnham Committee stone dead. There was an urgent need for a post-interim advisory committee on pay and conditions to be set up as soon as possible.

Mr Baker said that he wanted to find permanent machinery for these matters. The proposals he had seen so far were a "revamped Burnham" and he was not prepared to return to that. "Neither I nor any holder of my office wants to be the determiner of teachers' pay and conditions."

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that last week the Prime Minister had said that the Government would use "the coming years" to secure a new negotiating arrangement. The two main unions representing most teachers had met as a result of that answer and were outraged by it.

The Prime Minister must by now have received a letter from the two unions making clear that if she would agree to negotiate properly about next year's wage arrangements they would see her to offer to call off their action. That was the only way children would get an uninterrupted education.

Mr Baker said that he knew of the letter suggesting that Mr Jarvis and Mr Smithies should meet the Prime Minister. "But I see no reason why she should see these two union leaders because six weeks ago I invited them to see me and they declined to do so."

The other four unions had discussed with him the draft order before the House and he understood that it might be debated soon.

All the interested parties would find it difficult readily to agree on permanent machinery but there must be no going back to the form in Burnham.

He confirmed later that there was no reason why the interim committee should continue to operate until 1990. Later this year he would meet groups such as teacher unions, local education authorities, churches and parent-teacher associations to try to find permanent machinery.

"There are many models, ranging from a joint negotiating committee to a review body, and suggestions have been made also for specific recognition for the position of heads and deputy heads."

At some of the Easter conferences the militants had been seen, but most teachers were dedicated people. The disruption and chaos that had been talked about should not be exaggerated but it was still unacceptable.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education and science, said that the letter to the Prime Minister offered a way out of the impasse and showed the way to peace in the schools.

Plenty of cash for GCSE

The new GCSE was the most financially well endowed examination in recent history, Mr Robert Dunn, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, said when answering criticism of the examination during question time in the Commons.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said that, despite the minister's assurances, teachers, parents and local education authorities everywhere consistently said that there was a desperate situation in the making, with too little funding being provided too late, which would blight the futures of 600,000 children.

Would the minister call for a report by the school inspectors (HMIs) into GCSE funding in 100 representative schools across the country?

Mr Dunn said that there was no need. The inspectors had already judged that the course had got off to a satisfactory start.

Concern over bad buildings

Mr Robert Dunn, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions that he shared the concern expressed by the school inspectors (HMIs) and others about the poor physical state of school buildings.

But, he said, that was not new. It sprang from the effects of the past 20 years.

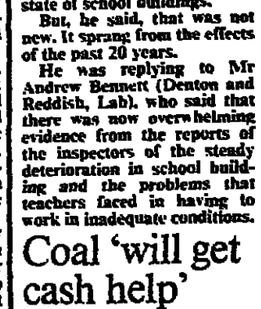
He was replying to Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab), who said that there was now overwhelming evidence from the reports of the inspectors of the steady deterioration in school building and the problems that teachers faced in having to work in inadequate conditions.

Coal 'will get cash help'

The Government remained firmly committed to providing British Coal with the money necessary to support its transition to viability, Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said when moving the Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order 1987 in the Commons on Monday.

He said that the measure provided a generous 75 per cent grant support towards costs such as redundancy and early retirement, retraining, promoting new employment opportunities and continuing to provide concessionary coal to retired mineworkers or their widows. The order, which was agreed, did not seek to transfer to British Coal costs connected with past restructuring.

New peer



Lord Plumb (above), formerly Sir Henry Plumb, president of the European Parliament, took his seat on the Conservative benches in the House of Lords. He was supported by Lord Bethell and Lord Stodart of Leaston.

New rules for soft drinks

The Government is to issue revised regulations on soft drinks, Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a written reply.

He said that the proposals would concentrate on a requirement to declare on labels the fruit or fruit juice from which the drink was mainly made, minimum composition standards for soda water and tonic water, continuing the present requirements for low calorie drinks and continuing the present controls on the maximum amount of saccharin that can be used in soft drinks.

Ban demand over drugs

Those convicted of dealing in drugs should not be allowed to be in charge of children in the future, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions.

He was responding to Mr Derek Spencer (Leicester South, C), who said that the National Union of Teachers in Leicestershire had called for the reinstatement of a teacher who had been sent to prison for drug offences.

Concession for Scots

The Government is expected to yield to pressure from the House of Lords to lower the community charge to be paid by students and the severely mentally handicapped under its Bill to abolish the Scottish rating system.

Many peers were concerned at the effect of the proposals on students in Scottish universities, believing that they will deter those from south of the border and overseas from attending Scottish universities which depend on their fees.

Second reading for consumer Bill

The following report of the Commons second reading debate on the Consumer Protection Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Bill, which will allow for the repeal of the Trade Descriptions Act, 1972, in conformity with a directive from the European Commission, was read a second time.

Moving the second reading, Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that the relevant provision in the Bill would not be activated until "an acceptable successor regime" was in place.

The EEC had challenged the 1972 Act on the ground that its requirement for all imported goods to be marked with the country of origin amounted to a restriction on exports between member states prohibited by the Treaty of Rome. The repeal of the 1972 Act, he said, would not prevent British manufacturers from drawing attention to the fact that their goods were made in Britain.

Mr Howard said that the Bill also provided consumers injured by defective products with a new mechanism for redress, sought to prevent unsafe goods reaching the market in the first place and created a new general offence of giving misleading price indications to replace the present complex arrangements that had allowed some offenders to slip through the net.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said that the Prime Minister had recently made an excellent speech telling people to buy British goods. What on earth was the good of that when the Government was allowing the Common Market to make it deprive the British people of the right to know where goods were made?

Criminal Justice Bill

Plea for appeal by prosecution

HOUSE OF LORDS

The following report of the Lords second reading debate on the Criminal Justice Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, urged the House of Lords during the debate to include in the Bill the right for the prosecution to appeal against over-lenient sentences.

He asked peers not to saddle judges with the clause which gives the Attorney General the right to refer a case to the Court of Appeal for future guidance on sentencing.

He suggested that it was time the prosecution took a part in the sentencing process.

If a judge passed a too-lenient sentence the media had a field day. The Court of Appeal ought to have the power to increase sentences in appropriate cases.

Lord Hooson (L), who was a defence counsel in the Cyprus spy trial, said that it was entirely wrong to cite that trial as a reason for abolishing the right of a defendant to object to a prospective member of the jury.

Most juries would have acquitted the soldiers on trial and all juries would have acquitted some of the accused.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, opening the debate, said that the Bill changed arrangements for taking evidence from children in cases of violence or sexual abuse, allowing a live television link to the court.

The Government would shortly publish a discussion paper on the practical implications of the change, including the suggestion that video recordings of interviews with child victims should be admissible as evidence.

Authoritative voices advocated a right for the prosecution to appeal against sentence, but the Government hesitated to adopt that because it was strongly ingrained into the system of justice that the prosecution had no direct interest in sentencing.

The Bill would abolish the peremptory challenge of jurors because, whatever its justification in the past, it now seemed wrong in principle that the defence should be able to remove jurors without giving reasons.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Labour Lord Chancellor, said that the Government had attempted to justify the change to the peremptory challenge of jurors by alleging that defendants used it to obtain acquittals.

"The right of challenge for cause is not an adequate substitute for abolishing peremptory challenges altogether as is proposed."

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said that the proposal to give the Attorney General the right to refer cases to the Court of Appeal was undesirable and would be ineffective in practice.

Lord Roskill (Ind) said that the right way of dealing with problems of sentencing was to give the Court of Appeal power to review sentences either upwards or downwards in any appeal before it.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said that the Government's proposal on lenient sentences was neither one thing nor the other and ought to be rejected. Either the prosecution should have no right of appeal or it ought to have full right as did the defence.

Colleges winning sponsors

There were many companies coming forward to sponsor city technology colleges and the Government would shortly be announcing the third such college, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during question time.

He was answering Mr Barry Sheerman, an Opposition spokesman on education, who had said that the colleges would prove damaging and divisive. That was the opinion of every important organization and reputable expert in the education world, he said. Even the Director General of the CBI, Mr John Banham, had declared them an irrelevancy.

Mr Baker said that, in addition to the announcement of a third college, other sponsors were coming forward so that in the course of time further CTCs would be announced.

They would not drain off good teachers. Teacher training had shown a sharp increase of 14 per cent in applications for later this year.

Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo (Nottingham South, C) said that some authorities were putting commercial and planning pressures on those who wanted to help the colleges and that was disgraceful.

Mr Baker said that those who opposed the principle of the city technology colleges did so because they wanted to maintain the monopoly of the local education authorities.

"The Goverment wants to provide choice and variety and what we have launched in the city technology colleges will point the way to many other types of schools after the election."

Montefiore denies campaigning to tighten up the abortion legislation

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Dr Hugh Montefiore, the former Bishop of Birmingham, strongly denied yesterday that he is embarked on a campaign to "tighten the screws" on the present abortion laws.

His Bill to cut the deadline for late abortions from 28 to 24 weeks of pregnancy was aimed only at reflecting the advances in medical science that made it much more likely for premature babies to be born alive, he said.

Under often hostile questioning from peers, he accepted that the Bill could result in a ban on abortions for women who are found to be carrying severely disabled babies late in pregnancy. But the mother's position had to be balanced against the status of the child.

The issue provoked a strong moral question of whether, if it is permissible to kill a deformed child in the womb capable of life, why it should not also be permissible to kill a child after it has been born.

"I have during the course of my episcopal ministry confirmed a considerable number of spina bifida adults and I would have been sorry if their parents thought it better to kill them."

Dr Montefiore, chairman of the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, introduced his Infant Life Preservation (Amendment) Bill when still a member of the House of Lords.

After an emotive second reading debate, a select committee of peers was set up to decide if the Bill should go ahead. Since then Dr Montefiore has retired, so losing his seat on the bishops' bench in the Lords, and he found himself in the rare position of giving evidence to the committee yesterday on his own Bill.

In written evidence, he said that he introduced the Bill after visiting neonatal intensive care units at Sorrento and Dudley Road hospitals, Birmingham, where he saw premature babies born of pregnancies between 24 and 28 weeks.

"I was told by the nurses, who took great pride in their work, that in certain circumstances these babies might have been aborted. I determined that the law ought to be changed."

Babies borne between 25 and 28 weeks now had a one-year survival rate of 59 per cent, he added. A total of 23 late abortions were carried out in the first 11 months of 1986, 16 on the ground of severe abnormalities. It was not possible to predict, he said, what would have happened to those 16 children had his Bill become law.

The Bishop of St Albans, Dr John Taylor, said: "I sense in the motivation behind the Bill that this is part of the anti-abortion movement; that it is tightening the screws on the present arrangements. Is this stage one of much longer campaign of tightening and tightening?"

Dr Montefiore said that he did not belong to the anti-abortion lobby and would not try to change the Abortion Act, 1967.



Dr Montefiore: Not part of anti-abortion lobby.

Article 'points the way forward'

The article in *The Times* entitled *Taking a Lesson from Private Schools* pointed the way forward over giving greater financial responsibility to the governing bodies of state schools, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during questions in the Commons.

He told MPs that he deplored the negative attitude of the Labour Party to the issue.

Mr Michael Stern (Bristol North West, C) had informed the House that the article – by Martin Rogers, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham – focused on the benefits that independent schools had gained from the sort of governing body Mr Baker was now proposing for state schools.

Mr Baker agreed that good state schools had nothing to fear from the sort of delegation he was proposing. It would empower them to get things done.

In the 21 local education authority areas where the idea was already being tried out, heads and deputy heads were finding enormous improvements in management.

There was no reason why, over the next five years, such schools should not have control over the total amount of money in their budgets.

Mr Andrew Bennett, an Opposition spokesman on education, challenged Mr Baker to disclose what discussions there had been to see whether suppliers' discounts on books and materials would still be available to individual schools if they became responsible for purchasing.

What talks had there been about extra pay for head teachers for taking on this extra responsibility (Conservative protests)? And what extra staff would be needed (continued Conservative protests)?

Mr Baker deplored what he described as the Opposition's negative approach.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Finance Bill, committee, first day.

Lords (2.30): Debate on Green Paper *Trade Unions and their Powers*.

Townsend Thoresen takes full responsibility, inquiry told

Herald's master and chief officer 'not personally to blame'

By Rodney Cowton

Neither the master nor the chief officer of the Herald of Free Enterprise considers that any blame attaches to them personally for the disaster at Zeebrugge, it was said yesterday.

On the second day of the public inquiry into the disaster, Miss Belinda Bucknall, representing Captain David Lewry, the master of the ferry, and Mr Leslie Sable, the chief officer, said both accepted the overall responsibility "attendant on their respective ranks and duties".

"However, neither of them considers that personal blame attaches to them in any material way." They were doing their best at all times with the equipment and manpower which was available to them.

The system of "negative reporting" — under which masters appeared entitled to assume that all necessary tasks, including the closing of the bow doors, had been carried out unless they received a report to the contrary — had been in operation when Captain Lewry first joined the ferry. "He fully accepts with hindsight that it was an inadequate system that he took over."

However, she said, no master had considered negative reporting inherently unsafe. In Captain Lewry's six years on the ferry nothing had happened to focus his attention critically on that aspect of operations.

On the one earlier occasion when the stern doors had failed to shut in the harbour, he had been notified and had aborted the sailing.

Townsend Thoresen took full responsibility for the disaster, Mr Anthony Clarke, QC, for the ferry company, earlier told the inquiry.

Mr Clarke said: "Townsend Thoresen take responsibility for this casualty." The company was determined that "nothing like this should ever happen again".

The ferry had proceeded out of the harbour with the bow doors open. "She should in no circumstances have done so.

"Townsend-Car Ferries recognizes that the reason the doors were left open was avoidable human error", Mr Clarke said.

Mr Clarke said the company recognized that it may have left too much to its senior masters "although they are men of the highest calibre".

It accepted that there ought to have been an "express rule" that the master of the ship should be told when the bow doors were closed.

Mr Clarke listed measures taken since the disaster by Townsend Thoresen, including issuing an instruction to all ships to report positively to the bridge that the bow doors were closed.

Mr Richard Stone, representing the Department of Transport, referred to comments made on Monday that the crew had broken no law by leaving port with their bow doors wide open.

Mr Stone said the department had already considered introducing warning lights on the bridge, or television monitors to show if the vessel was sailing with bow doors open. Other measures were being considered.

Mr Steven Millar, representing Mr Marc Stanley, the assistant bosun, said that Mr Stanley had found his "high profile" difficult to deal with in the aftermath of the catastrophe.

But he said Mr Stanley did not deny that one of his defined duties as an assistant bosun was to be responsible for opening and closing the bow and stern doors.

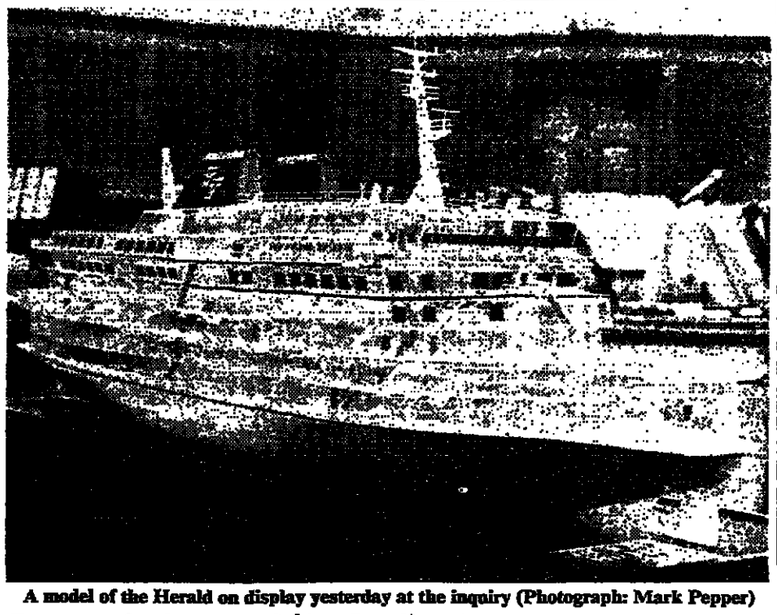
He said on the face of it the responsibility lay with Mr Stanley. But the real responsibility, he suggested, lay with the system whereby a junior petty officer waited for a call and, if he did not hear it, the vessel sailed "open-mouthed into the high seas".

The first account of the disaster by a witness was given by Mr Michael Tracy, aged 40, the ship's carpenter, from Folkestone, Kent.

Mr Tracy said he was in his cabin near the bow of the ship 20 minutes after she set sail when he got a call which "sounded urgent". It asked for a carpenter to phone the information officer immediately.

He and Mr Stanley, spent two hours smashing windows and freeing people amid what he described as "considerable confusion and panic among the passengers".

The inquiry continues today.



A model of the Herald on display yesterday at the inquiry (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

'Public would have shunned ferry'

Most passengers would not have set foot in the Herald of Free Enterprise had they realized how badly the ferry was run, the inquiry was told.

Mr Charles Haddon-Cave, representing surviving passengers and the relatives of those who died, said that many of the matters disclosed yesterday had been profoundly disturbing.

"Had the passengers who sailed on that last fateful voyage known these things I suspect that most would have refused to set foot on the Herald of Free Enterprise that evening", he said.

"We find it particularly incredible that the master had no positive means of knowing for sure whether the doors were open or shut."

He listed safety features which he wanted to see installed on all car ferries: velcro fastenings instead of straps on lifejackets; rope ladders instead of knotted ropes; safety instructions and demonstrations similar to those on aircraft; internal glass partitions designed with safer materials.

Survivors are back at work

The 42 survivors of C crew who were manning The Herald of Free Enterprise on the night she capsized have almost all returned to work.

The National Union of Seamen has this week published a booklet, *Disaster at Zeebrugge: The Crew's Story*, in which seven of the crew recount their experiences. It is being sold in aid of the disaster fund.

● The final death toll was put at 196 by Belgian authorities yesterday, although police officials said that some bodies may never be recovered.

New plant will end need for UK imports of blood products

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new factory built by the Department of Health at a cost of more than £55 million, intended to make the UK self-sufficient in blood products by next spring, will be opened today.

The plant, designed by the Central Blood Products Laboratory at Elstree, will use a new and more powerful method of freeze drying and heat treatment to remove contamination by Aids or hepatitis viruses from donated blood plasma.

Until now, up to two-thirds of the 70 million units of Factor VIII used a year in Britain to treat haemophilia have been imported from North America and Europe. With the opening of the new unit, there will be enough capacity to make blood products on a commercial basis from plasma provided by other countries.

The new production unit will provide NHS hospitals with preparations worth £60 million a year, including Factor VIII, albumin for replacing fluid after operations or injuries such as severe burns, extracts of immunoglobulin that give temporary protection against infectious diseases and anti-clotting agents.

After the plant is officially opened today by the Duchess of Gloucester, the sterile rooms in which the various molecules are separated from the plasma will be closed to any outsiders.

Scientists at Elstree have developed better ways of extracting the natural products from the clear plasma which is collected by regional blood tranfusion centres

At tranfusion centres this fresh plasma is frozen in a plastic bag. At the blood products laboratory it is kept in a quarantine store for three months. It is processed in batches, and the various stages of physical and chemical separation range from 10 hours to extract Factor VIII to more than two weeks for albumin.

One of the big discoveries is a way of obtaining a higher fraction of Factor VIII from the plasma while using a higher temperature heat treatment process for inactivating viruses. The new Factor VIII will carry the NHS code number 8Y.

Ten years ago the blood products laboratory received 47,000 litres of fresh plasma a year. This has risen to 300,000.

However, only 50 per cent of the NHS demand for albumin and 30 per cent of the demand for Factor VIII were met by the laboratory.

Dr Richard Lane, director of the laboratory, said: "Success in replacing costly imported blood products was possible only by the efforts of the National Blood Transfusion Service in collecting supplies of blood and fresh plasma. The voluntary blood donors of the blood transfusion service are now more important than ever."

Church goes industry's way

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Gloucester diocese is the latest to join the trend towards professional management methods in the Church of England.

It announced yesterday that a team of consultants has been appointed from among the senior diocesan clergy, and parish clergy are being offered a regular opportunity for systematic self-appraisal

Such schemes, already operating or under consideration in more than half the dioceses, are derived from management practices in industry.

Interest in them began to surface about six years ago, and the Rev David Barker, secretary of the Continuing Ministerial Education sub-committee at Church House, said it was "an idea whose time has come."

Gloucester is with the majority group in providing self-appraisal. This is designed to encourage clergy taking part to be frank about their problems, as the results will not be transmitted to diocesan headquarters and the bishop.

A few dioceses such a Liverpool have experimented with "open appraisal" where both the individual clergyman and the diocesan "management" know the results.

Mr Barker said that one of the reasons for the church's new interest in management techniques was the growing number of recruits to the clergy who had worked in industry.

Sale room

Record price for floral book

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A compilation of coloured engravings of one of the great flower gardens of Europe fetched a record price for a botanical book of £605,000 at Sotheby's this week.

The garden was constructed in the early seventeenth century by the Prince Bishop of Eichstätt, west Germany, but by 1633 it had reverted to a vegetable plot.

The garden lived on in the magnificent large folio engravings, and the finest example of the book was sold on Monday night for £605,000 (estimate £150,000-£200,000) to Nico Israels, an Amsterdam book dealer.

The book, with 367 plates, has a handsome pigskin binding.

The *Hortus Eystettensis*, as the book is known, was the star turn of the botanical library formed by Mr Robert de Belder. He and his wife have reconstructed the Arboretum Kalmhout, 15 miles north of Antwerp.

The first of two sale sessions devoted to the library on Monday brought a total of £2,754,125.

A Phillips sale of fine Old Master paintings yesterday totalled £917,730, with 8 per cent unsold.

Post counter dispute

A dispute over post office services in Reading, Berkshire, could change the face of rural life, it is claimed.

Sir Ronald Dearing, Post Office chairman, has been consulting with Mr David Sainsbury, of the store chain family, about opening a postal services counter at the Savacentre hypermarket at Calcot, on the edge of Reading.

It is being hailed as a scheme which could be copied by many large stores, but village postmasters fear it could force them out of business.

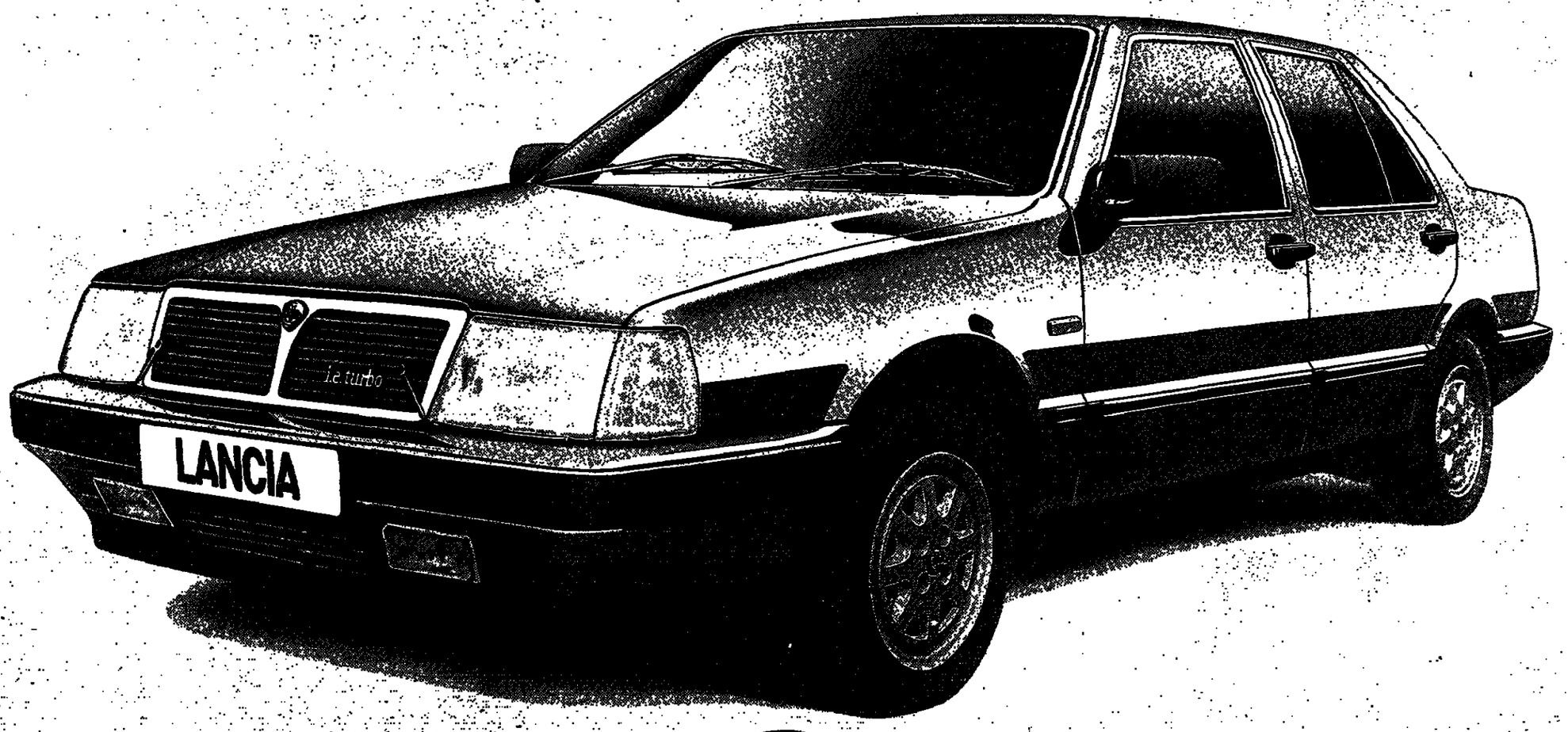
There are claims that the closure of rural post offices will damage village life and cause hardship for pensioners.

Mr Vic Wakefield, who runs the village post office at Theale, near the Calcot hypermarket, has won the backing of the parish council in his attempt to kill the project, due to be launched in July.

Mr Wakefield, district and branch secretary of the national federation of sub-postmasters, says the Calcot plan would affect at least 20 local post offices.

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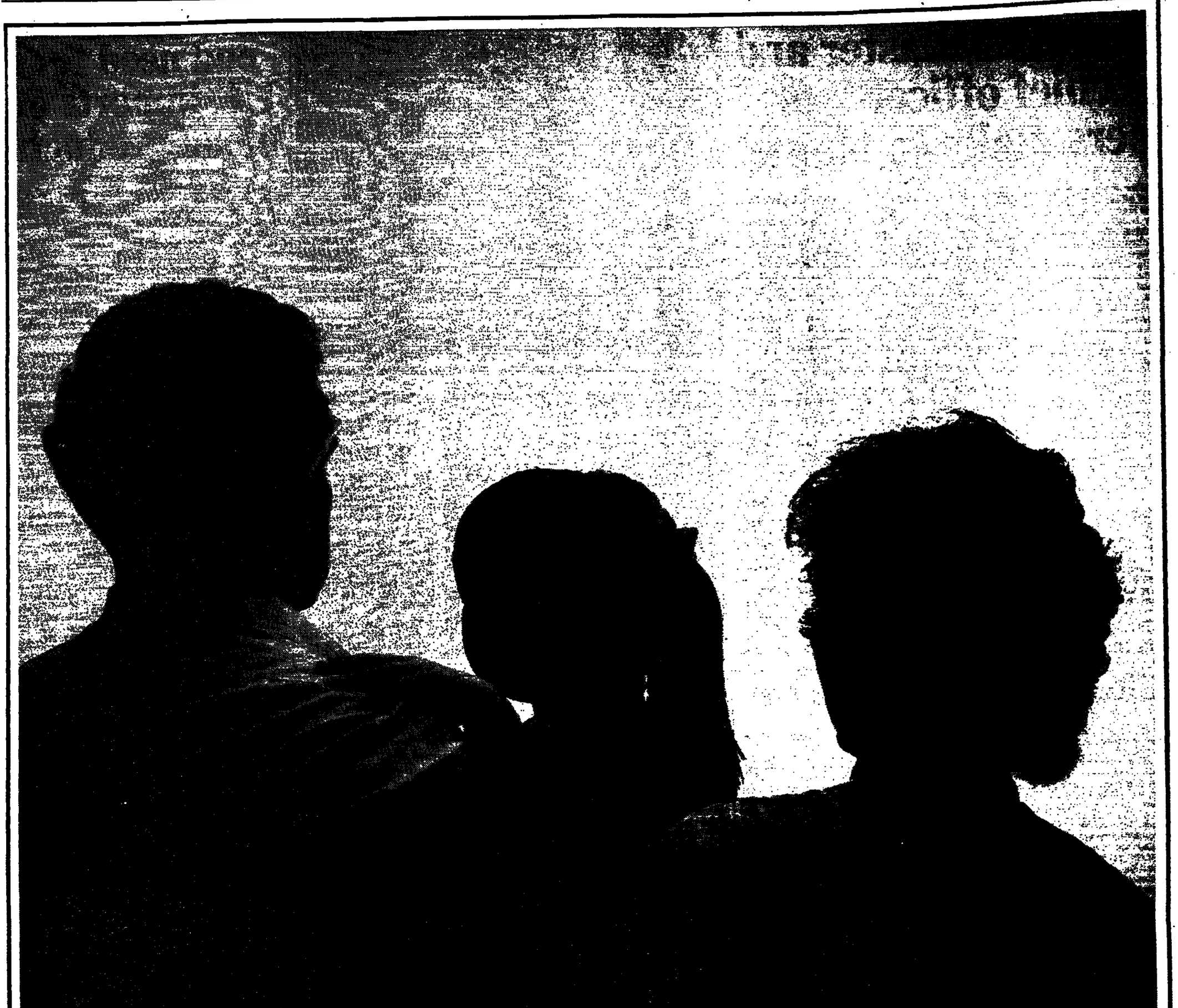


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WORLD SUMMARY

'Soldiers' held for Zambia raid

Lusaka (AP) — Two white men detained after last weekend's South African commando raid on Livingstone have admitted being soldiers in the South African Army, President Kaunda of Zambia has said. He added that the men had been arrested in Livingstone shortly after the raid, though it did not appear they were directly involved. The President did not identify the detainees by name, but said they had been flown to Lusaka for interrogation.

In Saturday's raid South African commandos landed in helicopters on the outskirts of Livingstone, then rode into town on motorcycles and killed four Zambian civilians, the Government said.

Privatization protest

Dhaka (Reuter) — Nearly one million workers shut down banks and industries in both public and private sectors across Bangladesh in a one-day strike intended to force the Government to repeal its policy of returning nationalized industries and banks to private ownership.

Workers held a rally in central Dhaka yesterday afternoon, threatening an indefinite strike unless the Government responds to their demands. Bangladesh has transferred nearly 550 state-owned industrial units and four commercial banks to private hands since 1983.

Faces matched

Jerusalem — A West German police expert yesterday told the court trying Mr John Demjanjuk for Nazi war crimes that there was no doubt he was the man pictured on an identity card which was allegedly issued to him when he became a death camp guard (Ian Murray writes).

Herr Reinhard Altmann, an expert on identification techniques, showed the court 24 facial details by which it is possible to compare pictures of people taken at different ages to determine whether they are the same person.

Victory for Iberia

Madrid — Spain's air traffic controllers dropped their threatened six-day stoppage next month as the chief executive of Iberia, the state airline, yesterday threatened to start dismissing employees if they continued their present work-to-rule (Richard Wigg writes).

Señor Narcis Asdreu, faced by mounting problems and losses due to the go-slow begun six days ago, decided to start talking tough. The sackings would only be "a reflection of the present low productivity levels," he said.

Five candidates killed

Manila — At least 42 people, including five candidates, have been killed in election-related violence since campaigning began last month for Philippines congressional elections on May 11, news reports said yesterday (Keith Dalton writes).

Much of the trouble has been on the island of Mindanao, where a security clamp is in force. The polls will restore the American-style Congress abolished by the deposed President Marcos and, it is hoped, bring greater stability to President Aquino's 15-month-old administration, which has been troubled by three armed uprisings and several coup plots.

US to get 'deserter'

Canberra (Reuter) — Australia will hand over the alleged US Navy deserter, Mr Edward Lamotte, a Scot with dual British and American nationality, to the US authorities, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Lamotte, aged 22, who claims he was virtually "press-ganged" into service while drunk, was expected to leave Australia once arrangements had been completed.

Iran tells of gains

Bahrain (Reuter) — Iran claimed yesterday that its forces had occupied 115 square miles of Iraqi territory in its latest offensive on the northern war front, while Iraq said it had wiped out most of two Iranian battalions.

Iran's national news agency, Irna, said Iranian forces had taken over 80 villages and had killed or wounded 4,000 Iraqis in the three-day-old offensive some 200 miles north of

Guards for North



Washington — Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, right, a key figure in the Iran-Contra affair, is receiving protection round-the-clock from armed fellow Marines for fear of terrorist attacks (Christopher Thomas writes). The guards accompany him even on family picnics.

Several groups might want to assassinate him. He was closely involved in planning the bombing attack on Libya just over a year ago; he helped in the arrangements for seizing the hijackers of the liner Achille Lauro; and he helped to organize the Contra war against Nicaragua.

The Senate and the House of Representatives investigating committees begin joint hearings into the Iran-Contra scandal on Tuesday which are expected to last throughout the summer. Lt Col North is expected soon to be given limited immunity, like Rear Admiral John Poindexter.

US ban confirms Waldheim's universal isolation

By Richard Bassett

The decision of the US Justice Department to bar Dr Kurt Waldheim from visiting the US has confirmed legally the already *de facto* diplomatic isolation of the Austrian President.

If Dr Waldheim shared the naivety of those Austrians who believed that with his election as President last summer all would be well, he was quickly disappointed.

As was soon made clear to Austria's ambassadors, securing an invitation for their head of state to visit the capitals of the world has become virtually impossible.

From the beginning, though it was treated as every senior Austrian diplomat's first priority, it was evident that, even if their President was not in fact banned, invitations would not be forthcoming. In the Austrian consulates and chancelleries, the new President's photograph occupied the discreetest of positions.



Dr Waldheim: already shunned by the rest of the world.

Nor was this the only sign of Dr Waldheim's beleaguered situation. As foreign ministers congregated in Vienna for the opening of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, the President waited in vain for a chance to be photographed with the protagonists of East-West diplomacy. Only the Swiss Foreign Minister, an old friend, risked a photocall with the President — and he faced angry questioning in Parliament on his return to Berne.

A later attempt to organize a visit to Japan also foundered embarrassingly, as the Austrian press, eager to announce that the "ice had been broken", panicked the Japanese into denying the existence of any invitation.

Earlier this year there arose the question of a visit to Brussels. A formal visit meant that Dr Waldheim would have to meet the King of the Belgians, who is understood to be unwilling to shake hands with a former serving officer of the Wehrmacht whose wartime activities remain "unclear".

When the Austrian Ambassador to Belgium reported this back to Vienna, it did not improve Dr Waldheim's position when his party's newspaper, *Die Presse*, leaked the snub, claiming that the reluctance of the Belgian King stemmed from "the lobbying of Jewish elements in Brussels".

Even outside the stiff formalities of diplomatic protocol, Dr Waldheim was reminded almost weekly of his isolation.

Although Dr Waldheim has received one formal invitation to travel, a visit to King Husain of Jordan, delivered personally to Vienna by the King amid the tightest security precautions in the capital for years, his popularity elsewhere abroad continues to match that of the no less ill-fated Austrian wine.

In Vienna, the Socialist-Conservative coalition Government of Dr Franz Vranitzky is not helped by the fact that his Foreign Minister, Dr Alois Mock, is leader of the party which backed Dr Waldheim during his election. Dr Mock's standing is, as a result, unimpressively low in many Western capitals.

Though some members of his party are known to have favoured asking Dr Waldheim to step down, officially for reasons of ill health, it seems that Dr Mock's position, coupled with the President's pride, have so far blocked any such scenario.

The US decision is likely to strengthen rather than weaken this resolve. For the Austrian public, especially those who voted for Dr Waldheim, the decision will have the unfortunate effect of again fanning the embers of Austrian anti-semitism.

No Austrian who voted for the President in the face of the allegations of the World Jewish Congress last year will believe that the US Justice Department is not part of a "Jewish plot".

The Austrian press and elements in the conservative People's Party will again portray him as the martyred figurehead of a small country which, in the words of Dr Mock, is being "blackmailed".

WEU discusses nuclear arms proposals

European caution at Soviet offers

From Richard Owen
Luxembourg

Britain and its main European partners said yesterday that they were determined not to be "bounced" into an arms control agreement detrimental to European security interests despite the "blandishments" of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

But with time running out for a common European response to Moscow on Euromissiles, and a draft Soviet treaty already on the table at Geneva, diplomats said that there was a "window of opportunity" which Europe could not afford to miss.

Yesterday the seven nations of the Western European Union defence alliance failed to define what European defence interests were. They called instead for "clarification" of the details of the Soviet offer and its implications.

There was sharp disagreement, particularly within the West German delegation, over whether to accept abolition of shorter-range missiles as well as medium-range missiles or to insist on a "right to match" the Warsaw Pact in the shorter-range field.

West Germany holds the key to agreement, and disunity in Bonn is seen as a major obstacle.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told the European foreign and defence ministers who form the WEU Council that there had to be "an early collective decision". Europe had to retain a nuclear capability "for the foreseeable future", she said.

But Europe had to define exactly where to draw the line. Moscow has proposed abolition of all long-range intermediate nuclear forces (LRINF), with a range of 600-3,000 miles. The Europeans say that they welcome such a "zero option". But the Russians also propose abolition of shorter-range missiles (SRINF), with a range of between 300 miles and 600 miles.

The Europeans want only "constraints" in SRINF, and British, French and West German officials all said that Europe had to decide quickly what the minimum nuclear threshold should be, and whether or not the "zero option" should include SRINF or even tactical battlefield weapons with a range of fewer than 300 miles. An INF deal must also be linked to reductions in Moscow's conventional forces.



Mr John Stanley and Mrs Lynda Chalker putting Britain's case at the meeting of the Western European Union yesterday.

Mrs Chalker reminded the Europeans of the probable public relations impact of any decision to match Moscow in SRINF which would involve deploying new shorter-range missiles at the time that LRINF missiles such as cruise and Pershing 2 were removed.

Herr ManfredWörner the West German Defence Minister, said that Europe had to find its own voice in defence matters and not merely react to the superpowers.

Mr John Stanley, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, who was deputizing for Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said that if Europe agreed to the abolition of shorter-range missiles, rather than a "right to match", any resulting treaty would have to be global (rather than confined to Europe), and would have to exclude third country systems such as the French and British nuclear deterrents.

These points did not appear to be met by the Soviet draft treaty, Mr Stanley said, nor was it clear whether the Pershing 1, a German Luftwaffe missile with American warheads, was to be considered a "third country system".

Europe is under pressure not only from Moscow but also from Washington, which wants agreement on an INF treaty before the end of the year, and therefore a European response by the summer. Diplomats said that there was a great deal of work to be done before Nato defence ministers meet in Norway in two weeks' time, and yesterday's WEU session had done little except air European differences.

The session was hampered by tensions between Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, and Herr Wörner. Herr Genscher strongly favours acceptance of the Soviet offer; but Herr Wörner said that Europe must not "fall into the trap" of leaving Europe without nuclear defences or start on the slippery slope to the "denuclearization" of Europe for which Moscow was aiming. Europe must never forget that Moscow's aim was to decouple western Europe from America, he said.

The WEU, which consists of Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries, has been moribund since the 1950s but is seen as a possible forum for European defence at a time when Washington is contemplating a reduction of American military commitments in Europe.

Officials said that yesterday's session had given a modest boost to the WEU, though failure to find a common voice had not enhanced the WEU's image.

The WEU is to adopt a Charter for European Security in the autumn. But Britain is insisting that such a charter must include a firm statement of transatlantic solidarity.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry yesterday accused Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, of having deliberately misrepresented Soviet policy in Asia (Reuter reports from Moscow). It said that his comments during a just-completed tour of Asia and the south Pacific were surprising, as he had had a chance to learn the Soviet position at first hand when he accompanied Mrs Margaret Thatcher to Moscow last month.

Sir Geoffrey said during the tour that the Soviet Union's renewed interest in Asia would end up looking like superficial "designer diplomacy" unless it persuaded Vietnam to withdraw from Cambodia and ended its occupation of Afghanistan.

The EEC backs UK on bogus refugees

From Our Correspondent
Brussels

Britain received firm European backing yesterday in its fight to counter bogus claims for political asylum, as EEC governments agreed to make airlines and shipping companies responsible for people arriving without proper documents.

EEC countries also planned a new crackdown on terrorism and set out plans for a conference on football hooliganism in London.

The decisions were taken by EEC justice and home affairs ministers at a meeting of the Community's "Trevi group" here yesterday. The main purpose of the group, set up during Britain's EEC presidency, is to combat terrorism.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, welcomed the EEC moves on immigrants, saying it was "most encouraging and important." The support of the EEC, he said, underlined that the carriers' liability Bill in Britain was not racist. The Bill, now before the House of Lords, fines airlines and ferries which bring illegal immigrants into the country.

"Germany and Denmark already have similar laws. So this is not just Britain playing the racist card," he said.

Significantly, the meeting also outlined new moves to exchange information about forged passports in an attempt to control not only illegal immigration but also the movement of terrorists. Ministers agreed to circulate the names of potential terrorists and exchange information about thefts of arms and explosives that could be used by terrorists.

A secure hot line allowing national anti-terror agencies to exchange data should be ready by the end of the year.

Drugs liaison officers in Third World countries will also be told to pool their resources in an attempt to counter the terrorist threat, as increasingly terror movements have been linked to drugs smuggling.

Who speaks to whom at talks on Belize?

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain's efforts to put Guatemala and Belize on speaking terms have culminated in high-level discussions opening in Miami today. Though all three countries will be represented, it is not known who will be talking to whom.

The Guatemalans, who have never acknowledged the independence of Belize, say that they are negotiating with the British. The Belize representatives believe that they are there for direct talks with the Guatemalans. The British, whose diplomacy made it happen, claim to be attending as observers. Guatemala would not be taking part at all save for the presence of a four-man Foreign Office team which is led by Mr David Joy, head of the Mexico and Central America department.

Despite this there is some British ministerial optimism. It is hoped that while Señor Mario Quiñónez, Guatemala's Foreign Minister, and Mr Dean Barrow, his Belize counterpart, are not expected to achieve a breakthrough, they could start moves towards better relations.

Sex claims used in battle against TV evangelist

From Charles Bremner, Boston

The "holy wars" among America's electronic pastors have flared up again, with the attempted comeback of Mr Jim Bakker, the fallen millionaire preacher, at their centre, amid new charges from his enemies of homosexuality and wife-swapping.

Television viewers on Monday were treated to the confessions of a North Carolina prostitute, who claimed that she had had sex several times with Mr Bakker, the former chief of the Praise the Lord (PTL) organization, who was ousted last month.

The charge was first aired at the weekend by the Rev John Ankerberg, together with allegations that Mr Bakker had taken part in homosexual practices and condoned wife-swapping among the clergy of his multimillion-dollar television ministry.

Experts on the evangelistic churches said that Mr Bakker's rivals made the allegations public in an attempt to head off his return to the PTL, which is one of the half-dozen big-time ministries which fuse religion, television and show business to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

On Monday the Rev Jerry Falwell, the evangelist leader who became temporary custodian of the PTL, announced that Mr Bakker was about to attempt to return from his exile in California to take charge of his ministry. "If he decides to come back, he'll preside over a funeral — PTL's. I'm not going to be part of a holy war," he said.

Despite all the allegations of lust and greed swirling round him and his wife, Tammy, Mr Bakker is still said to enjoy strong support among the 5,000 PTL officers. A huge flower bed spelling out "forgiven" has been laid out at PTL headquarters in Fort Mill.

In what the headline writers are calling Bakker's Day of Judgement, the PTL directors gathered in Fort Mill yesterday to announce findings in their investigation into Mr Bakker's alleged misconduct and mismanagement. The exercise began with his admission of a 15-minute sexual tryst with a church secretary and the payment of more than $250,000 (about £147,000) to buy her silence.

Meanwhile, church officials have revealed that the Bakkers managed to live in ungodly comfort on a salary of $1.6 million (£941,000) a year. The news has sent other well-heeled preachers scrambling to defend their incomes.

Morocco walls up desert to keep out Polisario

From Susan MacDonald
Ga Garath, Morocco

We could have been standing at the end of the world, but in fact we were standing in the desert at the exact point on the sea where Morocco meets Mauritania. The first journalists to set foot in Ga Garath, we had come to see the latest defensive wall which the Moroccans completed just two weeks ago.

There is now a total of 1,550 miles of defensive line designed to keep Polisario guerrillas, fighting for an independent state in the Western Sahara, out of this vast area. The former Spanish Western Sahara was annexed by Morocco in 1975 after a tripartite agreement between Morocco, Spain and Mauritania allowing them to do so.

The wall itself at this point is singularly unimpressive, being hardly distinguishable through the sand-filled wind whipping our faces from the surrounding rocks and dunes.

But all along the six walls which run the length of Morocco's border with Algeria and Mauritania, Moroccan Army units are in place, complete with radar, every three miles. They are backed up by hidden artillery and rapid deployment forces. The radar is sophisticated enough to pick up a man at a maximum range of 74 miles, according to Colonel Lamnouar, who commands this Dakhla region.

"What is the distance between this wall and the Mauritanian border?" the colonel was asked. "Nil," he barked in reply. During his visit to Morocco last week, President Mitterrand expressed concern at the positioning of the latest wall but faith in Moroccan diplomacy.

The idea of the walls, which General Bennani, commander of the southern military zone, insisted were there for the protection of the civilian population, is to force the Polisario to attack from Algeria, where they had their headquarters at Tindouf, and Mauritania and to deny them access to the Atlantic through Moroccan territory.

Antagonism between Morocco and Algeria goes back to the time of Moroccan independence in 1956, and Morocco considers the Polisario a pawn in the Algerian game to harass them.

The walls also act as a morale-booster for the Moroccan Army, who were sitting ducks for Polisario attacks before they were started in 1981.

After the serious clashes on the wall at the end of February, for which the general refused to give Moroccan casualty figures, he said that a range of Sam missiles had been captured as well as brand-new Soviet BMP tanks. I was also told by another colonel that Morocco had captured an Iranian along with Polisario prisoners and that Iranians were training the Polisario in Tindouf.

The same colonel, however, became very angry when it was suggested that Israeli advisers had been present in the desert. "What do we need them for?" he asked.

The Army is presently living in tents, although permanent accommodation is being built. There are no rivers, no vegetation and no civilian population in this area.

A lieutenant with military security said he had served four years here — "a sacrifice", he termed it. It was a far cry from his previous posting as an attaché in the Moroccan Embassy in the Senegalese capital of Dakar.

To my question "What do you do in the evenings?", he first replied: "Remain vigilant."



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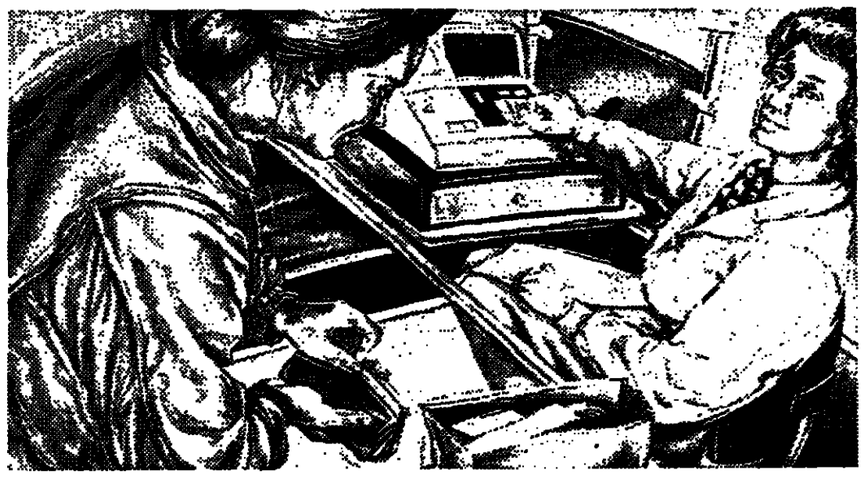
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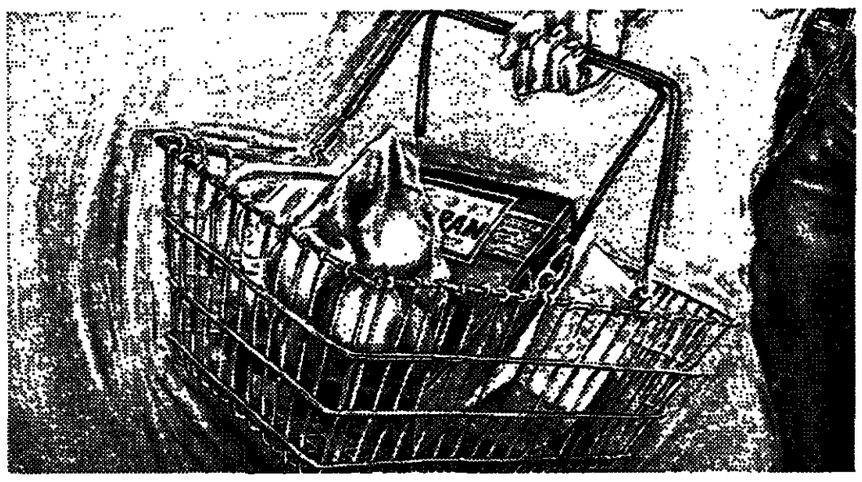
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Jayewardene will extend term to fight Tamil terror

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

President Jayewardene announced yesterday that he would continue in office when his term expired at the end of next year, if the terrorist campaign of the Tamil separatists continued. He indicated that he could use a referendum to extend his term, the way he has already suggested continuing the life of the present Parliament.

He also declared that he would not talk to the Tamil insurgents who are fighting for a separate state in the north and east of Sri Lanka "until they lay down their arms".

Insisting on the pursuit of a military victory over the separatists, despite the civilian casualties that it would inevitably bring, the President asked for help from Western countries in his struggle.

"We want guns," he said. "We want money. We want your sympathy and advice."

In fact, he is constitutionally debarred from seeking another presidential term. He remarked yesterday: "I do not want to continue." But he served warning that the referendum was something that would have to be considered closer to the time, after consulting other possible candidates and his own party.

Mr Jayewardene was talking to a group of foreign correspondents who had been called to the President's house. He was also anxious to tell them of his belief that Sri Lanka was suffering as a result of the "murky politics" of Tamil Nadu, India's southernmost state, which is just a few miles away across the Palk Strait.

Sitting in front of a map which showed the incidents of ethnic violence occurring in the island in July 1983, the President described the principal Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), as "Mr Ramachandran's private army" and Vellupillai Prabhakaran, its leader, as "his friend". Mr M.G. Ramachandran, who was born in Ceylon, is the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.



Mr Jayewardene: insurgents must lay down their arms.

The President also described the LTTE's principal Tamil rival, the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization (Telo), whose members were massacred by the Tigers last year, as the "private army of Mr Karunanidhi," the opposition leader in Tamil Nadu.

Mr Jayewardene absolved Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, from involvement, but he insisted that Mr Ramachandran had given arms and telecommunications equipment to the rebels, and that he was now planning to give a huge amount of money to them, ostensibly for food. "We can feed our own people," the President said.

The Indian Prime Minister was not involved in trying to destabilize Sri Lanka, Mr Jayewardene said, but added, addressing an American correspondent: "You have in your CIA people who do not follow Reagan. The same may be happening in India. They did the same in Bangladesh."

The President repeated that in any peace talks the agreements arrived at in the course of negotiations with Tamil political leaders and the Indian Government could not be renegotiated. But he was not hopeful that any peace talks could take place.

Pressed, he reiterated that he would not talk to the LTTE until they surrendered, but later conceded that, if India was able to produce them for talks and was able to guarantee that they would not start shooting again, then the situation would be different.

In the meantime, it is clear that the Sri Lankan armed forces are being given the go-ahead for a big campaign against the rebel bases in the north and east of the country. The President, who is Commander-in-Chief, said that no decision has yet been made, but that the whole of the northern peninsula, which is currently still under the control of the LTTE, is being considered for occupation.

"We are trying our best to avoid civilian casualties," he said, "but it happened in Punjab (referring to Mrs Gandhi's army capture of the Golden Temple of Amritsar), it happened in Vietnam, it happened in London, Hamburg and Berlin. It happened in the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima."

Asked whether India would not protest at the civilian slaughter that would be involved President Jayewardene waved such a protest away. "I am not interested," he said.

If India would only help by stopping the rebel supplies, if India would simply co-operate in patrolling the surveillance zone in the waters between the two countries, he said, "this war would be over in days."

New York honour for Sir Alec



Sir Alec Guinness, aged 73, enjoying a reunion with Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill, his co-stars in the film *Star Wars*, before being honoured at the Lincoln Centre Film Society annual Tribute to Film Achievement.

"I am an elderly English thespian almost in a state of catatonic shock," Sir Alec, told some 2,700 people at a gala at the New York centre on Monday to mark his 50-year stage and screen career (Reuter reports from New York).

"I've never considered myself a sort of star. I like to think of myself as an actor," Sir Alec said after a screening of clips from his films. He was "glad to see the old black-and-white films have not yet been colourwashed; I was rather dreading *The Man in the Puce-Colored Suit* or *The Magenta Hill Mob*."

True dog's life for victim of the Party

From Robert Grieves
Peking

The abuse of power by regional Communist Party cadres has been underlined vividly by reports of one man who had literally to lead a dog's life for a minor transgression against the elite.

The plight of Mr Yang Liuyuan, a peasant of Qiubei County, in south-western Yunnan province, began one evening when he accidentally killed a dog fighting another dog outside his front door.

Mr Yang's wife immediately told the dog's owners, the Zhu family, that she would pay compensation.

Unfortunately for Mr Yang, the Zhu family included Mr Zhu Jiaping, who had served as party branch secretary at a wine factory, and Mr Zhu's daughter-in-law, Miss Guo Liyun, deputy mayor of Jinping.

The angry family rejected compensation, and told Mr Yang to "crawl on all fours like a dog". They also demanded that he stay under the Zhu family's dining-room table, gnaw the bones they tossed to him, and "sleep outside their door to keep watch at night, just like a dog".

A Party investigation this month resulted in the Zhu family being arrested for humiliating Mr Yang.

India-UK deal on extradition near

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain's relations with India are on the brink of a substantial improvement after two years of strain over suspicions of British reluctance to extradite Sikh extremists.

Both British and Indian sources said yesterday that the key to the rapprochement lay in completion of an extradition treaty, now within grasp.

Negotiations yesterday and today between three British ministers and Mr Shri K. Natwar-Singh, the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, are expected to clear away some of the remaining obstacles.

A draft treaty is understood to be 90 per cent agreed, although it will not be initialled during the minister's visit. A high-ranking Indian source said yesterday that there were still points of substance to be settled, but added that there had been progress.

Mr Natwar-Singh yesterday had meetings with Mr Timothy Renton, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, whose visit to India last December convinced Delhi that Britain was serious about improving relations, and with Lady Young. He is to meet Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, today.

Britain has agreed to India's demand that the treaty should prevent Sikh or other extremists from using political motives as a defence against extradition. After Mrs Gandhi's assassination in 1984, there were rumours in India of a plot by Sikhs living in Britain, although the three Sikhs who were convicted did not have proven British links.

Britain originally argued that, if Delhi had proof, it should use the existing Fugitive Offenders Act, which provides for Commonwealth governments to seek extraditions. The Indians replied that the legislation was flawed because it exempted politically motivated crimes.

Whitehall sources said that Britain's change of tack stemmed from a realization that the issue was crucial to the Indians, even if it appeared less important from a British perspective.

A source close to the negotiations said that the draft treaty was of the "non-list" type. This distinguishes it from treaties which accept political motivation as a defence.

Fall of Italian Government

Election likely as party feuding grows vicious

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Italy's 45th Government since the Second World War, sworn in at Easter, collapsed yesterday, the victim of unprecedented party feuding that is fast coming to resemble gang warfare. It now seems inevitable that the Italian Parliament will be dissolved and elections called for June.

Senator Amintore Fanfani, Prime Minister for barely more than a week, was defeated by 240 votes to 131 in a vote of confidence and submitted his resignation to President Cossiga.

Ever since the resignation on March 3 of Signor Fanfani's predecessor, Signor Bettino Craxi, the President has been trying to put together a workable coalition, turning from one politician to another and even appealing to a Communist, the parliamentary Speaker, Signora Nilde Iotti, to find a solution.

Signor Fanfani was the President's last bid: he asked the 79-year-old Christian Democrat to put together an "institutional government", mainly Christian Democrats with a sprinkling of non-political technocrats, that could at least hold the fort until early elections.

The problem is that the Christian Democrats, the biggest party in Italy but not big enough to rule by itself, cannot find enough common ground with Signor Craxi's much smaller Socialist Party to make an effective government. The other big party, the Communists, have been for the most part left out in the cold.

The fighting between the parties has reached a venomous pitch. Signor Craxi, who has made no secret of his disgust and stayed in his Tunisian holiday home on Easter Monday when Parliament began to debate the future of Signor Fanfani's Government, says he wants a referendum on nuclear power, not a general election.

Under Italian law it is impossible to have a referendum and an election in the same year. His Socialist Party, along with the tiny Social Democrats and Radicals, therefore voted yesterday for the survival of Signor Fanfani.

This *coup de théâtre* was promptly matched by the Christian Democrats, who abstained from the vote of confidence. That is, they did not vote to support their own party colleague, Signor Fanfani. That was a clear sign that the Christian Democrats think general elections are now the only way out of the crisis. The Communists voted against Signor Fanfani.

Signor Craxi has a counter-offensive planned: he will approach the President and ask to form a Socialist-led Government. The only way he can make that work is by making a deal with the Communists. This seems improbable.

Many political analysts regard the next elections as the most important since the war. They will show if the last 3½ years of stable rule was simply a freak piece of good fortune. Even if the elections are not the most important in Italian postwar history, they will certainly be the nastiest. Emotions are running high.

Election call in Portugal

Portugal's Council of State voted yesterday in favour of dissolving Parliament and calling an early election (Martha de la Cal writes from Lisbon).

The 17-member advisory body, comprising representatives of the political parties, armed forces, trade unions, industry and others, announced its decision after a meeting at the Presidential Palace. President Soares, who must now make the final decision, is expected to follow the advice and set an election for July 19 when he addresses the nation today.

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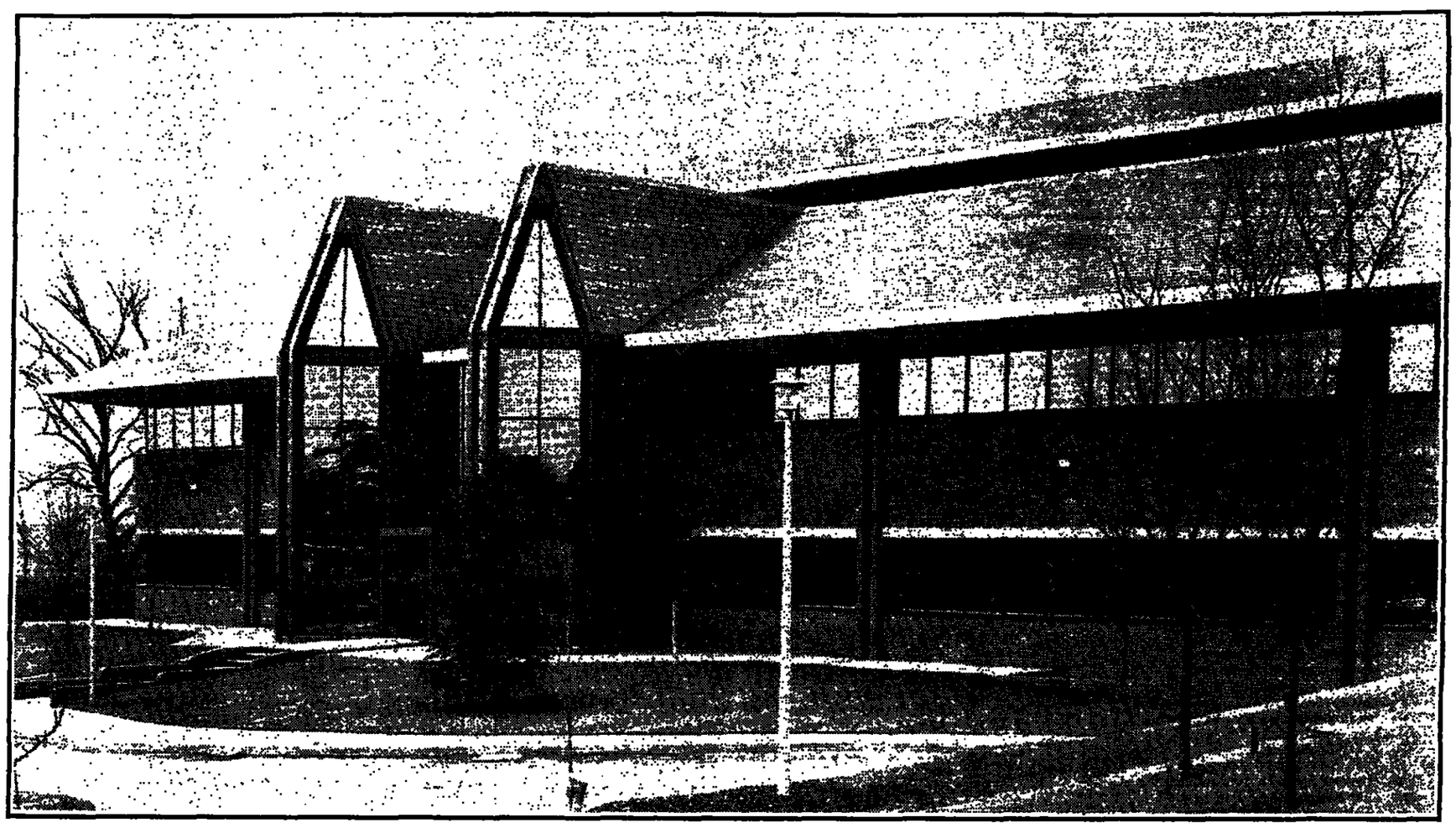
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Syrians put squeeze on Beirut enclave where hostages may be held

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

By one of those ingenious political stratagems which the Syrians have made their own in Beirut, Syrian troops are about to enlarge their encirclement of the Shia Muslim southern suburbs of the capital in which most of the 24 foreign hostages — including Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy — are thought to be held.

There is no talk of "encirclement", of course, merely of a new Syrian military deployment separating Shia Amal militiamen from Druze militiamen outside the slums of Hay el-Sellum. Colonel Ali Hammoud of the Syrian Army, officially head of the Syrian military "observer team" in Lebanon, has already made a quiet trip into what is known as the "Tiro Triangle", so called because, this being Lebanon, there used to be a shooting club in the area.

It will not have been lost on Colonel Hammoud that the new deployment will place his troops around the very bunkers dug by US Marines of the multinational force in 1982. Indeed, the forward Syrian positions will in some cases be identical to those occupied by the Marines when they faced their own enemies in the southern suburbs.

But the Syrians are not moving through any sense of historical perspective. Having entered part of Bourj al-Barajneh in order to control the Palestinian camp there — and with the distinct possibility of an unofficial Syrian-PLO alliance in Beirut — the Syrians are increasing their pressure on the Hezbollah (Party of God) movement which now forms the only tangible opposition to Syrian rule in the Muslim western sector of the city.

While the Syrians are thus tightening the ring around the Hezbollah, they are also ensuring that Mr Walid Jumblatt's Druze Progressive Socialist Party and Mr Nabih Berri's Amal militia cannot come into conflict again. The Druze virtually drove Amal off the streets of west Beirut in February until the Syrians intervened and rescued Mr Berri's men from humiliation. Amal now controls the fringe perimeter of the southern suburbs (though not the interior), while the Druze look down upon them from the foothills of the Chouf mountains to the east.

Mr Jumblatt and Mr Berri have meanwhile been asked — a verb which has a special meaning when the request comes from Damascus — to visit Syria for talks with Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President. Mr Khaddam is anxious to prevent any further outbreaks of fighting between the militias of the two Lebanese leaders since the Syrian Army's restoration of law and order in west Beirut has so far been little short of remarkable.

In the meantime, the Syrians have announced that "dozens" of men have been arrested in connection with the small dynamite bombs which, until five days ago, were exploding at the rate of five a day in west Beirut. The detainees were described by the Syrians as "mercenaries hired by PLO chairman Yassir Arafat, Iraq and the Christian Lebanese forces militia" who had said they were paid between 5,000 Lebanese pounds (about £30) and 15,000 Lebanese pounds for their work.

Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, said later that the men would "receive the punishment they deserve", an expression which holds out little hope of clemency.

***Pravda* said yesterday that the success of the PLO's new programme depended largely on good relations with Syria (Reuter reports from Moscow). The re-elected PLO chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, was not mentioned by name.**

Barbie's mischievous lawyer steals the limelight

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The trial of Klaus Barbie, the alleged Nazi war criminal, which opens in Lyons on May 11, "will not only make a lot of noise, but will also hurt," Maître Jacques Vergès, Barbie's colourful lawyer, has promised. He makes no attempt to hide his glee at the prospect.

Revelations will be made, he says, about people in important places who have passed themselves off all their lives as heroes of the French Resistance, but who were in fact collaborating with the Germans. Some are still alive and so have, he suggests, a keen interest in the trial's never taking place. He has hinted frequently that Barbie, who is 73, would be "allowed" to die quietly in his cell before the trial began.

Maître Vergès claims that Jean Moulin, probably the greatest of all French Resistance heroes, was not tortured to death in prison in Lyons by Barbie in 1944, as has always been supposed, but committed suicide by battering his head against his cell wall in despair after discovering that fellow Resistance fighters had betrayed him.

Maître Vergès, a lawyer with a string of controversial causes célèbres behind him, including the recent Georges Ibrahim Abdallah terrorist trial, was 62 last week. He loves to shock, to cock a snook at the establishment.

It was typical of his irreverent humour that three days before the Abdallah trial began, amid some of the tightest security measures ever seen in Paris, he should allow a huge double-page colour photograph to appear in *Paris Match*. It shows him nude in his bath, nonchalantly reading a newspaper.

Why should a former leading Communist militant and noted Free French fighter decide to defend a man such as Barbie, dubbed "The Butcher of Lyons"?

"I'm simply doing my job," he says. "I defend people. An accused has the right to a real defence, and not simply a parody of defence. What makes the coherence of my life is that I have always put myself between the lone individual and the mob which wants to lynch him."

Maître Vergès loves to see himself in that glamorous role. But he has also hinted at other, more personal, motives. "I've seen worse crimes committed by the French Army in Algeria than those committed by the German Army in France," he says. His genuine horror at what the French — including reputed Resistance heroes — did in Algeria has been one of the dominant motivating forces of his life.

Others suggest that a lifelong hatred of Zionism may also have been a factor in his decision to defend Barbie. Virtually all of his terrorist cases have involved pro-Arab groups or individuals whose primary targets were Jewish.

Maître Vergès himself has claimed that Barbie was deported illegally from Bolivia four years ago simply to please the Zionists and help win the substantial French Jewish vote.

Even to those who claim to know him well, Maître Vergès remains an enigma. He and his twin brother, Paul, now a French Communist deputy, were born in Thailand in 1925 to a Vietnamese mother and a French father.

After living for a time in Laos, the family settled in the French overseas department of Réunion in the Indian Ocean. It was there that the young Vergès got his first taste of communism, when his father founded the local Communist Party. It was there, too, that he developed a lifelong hatred of colonialism.

He was 17 when war broke out and in 1940 went to join General de Gaulle in London, spending the rest of the war with the Free French in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany.

He joined the French Communist Party on arriving in Paris in 1945 to begin his law studies, rapidly winning a reputation as a particularly hard-line militant. It was at that time that he made friends with Pol Pot, the Cambodian student leader later to lead the Khmer Rouge.

In 1951 he was appointed secretary of the International Union of Students, based in Prague, and spent four years travelling widely. On his return, he joined the Paris Bar and soon took up the cause of Algerian independence, defending many militants of the Front de Libération Nationale.

At the end of the eight-year civil war, he went to live in Algeria, joining the FLN Politburo. There he married a former client, Djamila Bouhired, who was at one time condemned to death as a terrorist. First he converted to Islam, taking the name Mansur ("Victor").

By the end of 1963 he had fallen out with the Algerian leader, Ben Bella, and returned to Paris to found and edit *Révolution*, a Marxist review soon banned for an article on the French colonies deemed "an open appeal to rebellion and separatism".

After the Boumédienne coup in 1965, he returned to Algeria and opened up a private legal practice. Now he took up with passion the cause of the Palestinians, winning a reputation as a brilliant if highly unconventional advocate in the defence of PLO terrorists.

But in 1970 he suddenly left Algeria, his wife and two children, telling friends he was going to Spain. He was not seen again for more than eight years, and has always declined the slightest hint of what he was doing.

On his return at the end of 1978, he rejoined the Paris Bar. People have wondered how he manages to maintain a luxurious office and lead an affluent lifestyle.

One lawyer, who has known him for 25 years, says that Maître Vergès has always struck him as some romantic cloak-and-dagger character out of a John le Carré novel, using his lawyer's role as a cover for his more important activities.

Maître Vergès has already turned the Barbie affair into the Vergès affair, and the limelight will be as much on him when the trial opens as on the old man in the dock.

He will not let what will probably be the last of France's great war trials go by without springing some new surprises.



Maître Jacques Vergès, who has promised that the Barbie trial will provide revelations about important people.

Tokyo top of costs league

Geneva (AP) — For the second year, Tokyo is the world's most expensive city, with a weak dollar further boosting living costs for expatriates to nearly twice New York's level, according to a survey by Business International, a Geneva-based research and consultancy firm.

With an index figure of 191 against New York's 100, Tokyo topped the list ahead of another Japanese city, Osaka, 187, and Brazzaville, the capital of Congo, 173. New York, in 20th place last July, took 34th position in the 102-city survey. London is 29th.

Parents held

Palermo, Sicily (AP) - The parents of a girl aged 3who claimed she died by falling downstairs, have been charged with beating her to death because she wet her bed.

Safe refuge

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Three hundred children under 14, smuggled into Hong Kong from China, queued for residence permits during a one-day amnesty.

Surfers' ban

Wellington (Reuter) — Ten New Zealand surf lifesavers who resigned from their clubs to tour South Africa will not be allowed to rejoin.

Drinks ban

Warsaw (Reuter) — Poland will ban alcohol sales in the cities the Pope is scheduled to visit during his June 8-14 stay in Poland.

Peres makes clear his election threat

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The present opportunity for peace in the Middle East must not be missed even if it means a general election in Israel, Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister and Labour Party leader, said yesterday.

Apparently putting party members on an election alert, he told them at a Haifa meeting: "If the Government cannot decide on the international conference, the people will."

This was a frank admission that his efforts to bring about an internatioanl Middle East peace conference could bring down the coalition Government now led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, whose Likud faction is an implacable opponent of the idea.

For his part, Mr Shamir now plans to start discussions with leaders of religious and right-wing minority parties to see whether he could form a coalition without the Labour Party should Mr Peres bring down the Government.

Mr Peres yesterday denied Israeli press reports that he had held a secret meeting with King Husain of Jordan a week ago to discuss the conference. The King is due to meet President Mubarak of Egypt at the weekend and foreign ministry sources here hope that a joint statement afterwards will move the peace process forward.

Depending on the strength of the statement, Mr Peres will decide whether his controversial plan for the conference should go to the Israeli Cabinet before he leaves for Washington on May 13.

He considers that there remain only three points to be agreed before the conference can be called and wants cabinet support to present a united Israeli position in discussions with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

The three disputed points are the most difficult.

One is the question of Soviet participation, with Israel insisting on a resumption of diplomatic ties and free emigration of Soviet Jewry as a precondition.



Mr Peres: people of Israel may decide on conference.

A second is how long and how often the conference should meet.

Most difficult of all is the question of Palestinian representation, with Israel, Jordan and now Egypt refusing to consider PLO members, but with the vast majority of Palestinians looking for leadership to the newly reunified organization.

These questions are so difficult that Mr Shamir remains confident that the conference is impossible.

Alleged gun-runner for IRA linked to Boston Irish 'mob'

From Charles Bremner, Boston

The alleged ringleader of a 1984 operation to ship guns to the Provisional IRA may plead guilty to charges including drug smuggling after an investigation involving Scotland Yard, according to justice sources in Boston.

Mr Joseph Murray, a Boston businessman aged 41, is due to stand trial within weeks, with two others, for allegedly having sent more than seven tons of weapons, including rockets and grenades, to Ireland on board the trawler Valhalla in 1984. The shipment was intercepted at sea by the Irish Navy after transfer to another vessel.

Mr Murray is also accused of having smuggled 37 tons of marijuana into Boston on board a British freighter, the Ramsland, later the same year.

His lawyers are said by the sources to be bargaining to switch from a not guilty plea to guilty to lesser charges. The Valhalla trial was originally scheduled to have started on Monday, but the date was postponed indefinitely last month.

Key evidence against Mr Murray has come from a joint investigation between Scotland Yard and the FBI into the finances of a drug business which he is alleged to have operated with his brother, Michael, who was convicted of drug trading in 1983. He is on bail awaiting appeal.

Investigators say that Mr Murray is a key figure in the crime underworld organized by the Boston Irish which operates mainly out of Charlestown, a waterfront district. He is said to have had links with the notorious Winter Hill Gang, now believed to be defunct.

The Murrays are described in court papers filed by the FBI in February as the "major importers and distributors of marijuana in the north-east area".

Mr Roderick Kennedy, the chief FBI agent heading the investigation, describes in the affidavit how three Scotland Yard officers helped to link Mr Murray to an alleged money-laundering operation in the British Caribbean dependent territory of Anguilla.

The Boston Federal Prosecutor, Mr Garry Crossen, has told *The Times* that he is not claiming a direct link between drug proceeds and the funds that paid for the IRA guns. He would make no other comment on the case.

But federal investigators see the Valhalla case as the strongest evidence so far of a link between IRA gun-running and Boston-based criminals of Irish descent. A senior Customs official announcing the indictments said: "This should dispel for ever any doubts about the inherently evil . . . criminal character of Provisional IRA activities both here and abroad."

FBI sources said that investigators often had to contend with a lack of co-operation from Irish sympathizers in their work on the Boston Irish "mob."

Four others indicted with Mr Murray by a grand jury last year were: Robert Anderson, the captain of the Valhalla; John Crawley, a New York-born Irish resident who sailed on board the trawler; John McIntyre, a Boston man who disappeared after the trip; and Patrick Nee.

Mr Crawley was arrested after the arms were transferred to an Irish vessel, Marita Ann, and is serving a sentence in Dublin.

Mr McIntyre disappeared immediately the trawler's arrest and his family believe he was murdered by the gang as a suspected informer. Mr Nee and Mr Anderson now face trial.

Two other associates of Mr Murray, Mr William Winn and Mr Michael Nigro, are due to stand trial later only on the drug charges.

Beatification of convert nun

Jewish fury at choice of Auschwitz martyr

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Pope's intention to honour the philosopher Edith Stein as a Roman Catholic martyr at a ceremony in Germany on Friday has brought protests from British Jewish leaders.

Edith Stein was a German Jew who converted to Roman Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun. She was arrested by the Nazis in Holland and died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

Mr Paul Mendel, secretary of the British Council of Christians and Jews, said: "Jews are asking — why her? There were six million Jewish martyrs."

Mr Shimon Cohen, the secretary of Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, said there was "considerable embarrassment, if not resentment" in the Jewish community, particularly as it was now concerned about Christian missionary activity in its midst.

Articles critical of the Roman Catholic Church's selection of Edith Stein for the process of beatification, one step short of canonization, have appeared in the *Jewish Chronicle* and elsewhere, but so far no official Jewish protest has been lodged with the Catholic Church.

As a result of press comment, however, the Vatican department dealing with Jewish-Christian relations canvassed Jewish sources in Britain to find out how best to present the beatification without giving offence to Jews.

Adverse Jewish comment, which some Catholics in Britain have publicly supported, has focused on the fact that Edith Stein, who was by then known as Sister Benedicta, was killed because she was a Jew and not because she was a Catholic.

Nevertheless, the Nazis had offered to spare Jewish converts to Christianity if the Catholic bishops in Holland were prepared to stay silent on the deportation of the mass of Dutch Jews.

They refused and made a strong public protest, thus sealing Edith Stein's fate.

Sister Margaret Shepherd of the Sisters of Zion, a Catholic order devoted to promoting Jewish-Christian understanding, said the beatification was another unfortunate example of Catholic insensivitiy towards Jewish feeling.

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Court of Appeal

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Chancery Division

Trust attaches to proceeds of sale

Turton v Turton

Before Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Nourse

[Judgment March 12]

Where property of an unmarried couple was held in their joint names and subject to expressly declared trusts the beneficial interests would be regarded as held under a trust for sale, with the effect that they would endure until the property was sold, and that they would then attach to the proceeds of sale. In the court's discretionary power there was no basis for cutting off the effect of the trust at some earlier point.

The parties' separation would indicate that the purpose of the trust, that of providing a joint home for them both, had failed. But that would merely trigger off a demand for a sale and would not give rise to any discretion, in subsequent proceedings to determine the parties' respective interests, to impose a valuation of those interests retrospectively by reference to the value of the property at that particular time.

The Court of Appeal so held, in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by Mrs Carol Ann Turton from an order of Judge McKinney at Southampton County Court dated May 13, 1986, who declared that the relevant date to value the one half share of Mrs Turton in 64 Ludlow Road, Itchen, Southampton, to which Mrs Turton was entitled was August 1975, when Mrs Turton and Mr Edward Sydney Turton, the respondent, who had previously lived together in the property, separated.

Mr Geoffrey Jaques for Mrs Turton; Mr Keith Cutler for Mr Turton.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the conveyance of the house dated January 20, 1972, made express provision for it to be held on trust for sale and proceeds of its sale in trust for the parties as beneficial joint tenants. That tenancy was afterwards severed.

The judge declared that the parties held the property on trust for themselves as tenants in common in equal shares. She also made an order for its sale.

However, in seeming reliance on *Hall v Hall* ([1982] 3 FLR 379) she directed that Mrs Turton's share of the proceeds of sale should be quantified by reference to the value of the property when the parties ceased to live together in August 1975. That would mean that Mrs Turton's share of the net proceeds would be far less than one half.

Although Mrs Turton contributed nothing to the purchase, Mr Turton now accepted that the express declaration of trust contained in the conveyance conclusively defined the parties' respective beneficial interests in the property at the date of its acquisition: see *Goodman v Gallant* ([1986] Fam 106).

The question was whether the judge was right in relying on *Hall v Hall*. The principal distinction between *Hall v Hall* and the present case was that there the house had been conveyed into the sole name of the man.

That meant that the woman could only achieve a beneficial interest in it if she was able to bring herself within the principle stated in *Gissing v Gissing* ([1971] AC 886), namely, that she had made a contribution to the acquisition of the title.

The second and material part of the decision in *Hall v Hall* could be best understood from Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls who said (*supra* at pp381-382) that if it were husband and wife, their relationship was intended to be permanent. But in a case of an unmarried couple the relationship came to an end when the parties separated.

That part of the decision in *Hall v Hall* had also caused difficulties in subsequent cases.

The court was referred to three decisions of the Court of Appeal, namely, *Bernard v Josephs* ([1982] Ch 391), *Gordon v Douce* ([1983] 1 WLR 563) and *Walker v Hall* ([1984] FLR 126, 131-133).

There Lord Justice Dillon concluded that *Hall v Hall* did not establish a rigid rule but only that the court had a discretion as to valuation in cases concerned with unmarried couples. However, both he and Lord Justice Lawton (with whom Lord Justice Kerr agreed) went on to express views from which it seemed necessarily to follow that there was in truth no discretion in the matter at all and that the shares could only be valued at the date of realization.

Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Lawton Lawton were of the opinion that a beneficial interest acquired under an application of the principles stated in *Gissing v Gissing* could only be an absolute and indefeasible interest.

It could not be liable to determine or to be defeated or diminished, either automatically or by the exercise of some discretion, on the happening of some future event, for example the separation of an unmarried couple who were living together at the time of its acquisition. In his Lordship's judgment the validity of that proposition was beyond doubt.

Accordingly, the second part of the decision in *Hall v Hall* was contrary to the principles stated in *Gissing v Gissing*. His Lordship was unable to see how it could properly be applied in any other case. He thought that it ought no longer to be followed at first instance.

Lord Justice Kerr gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Baileys Shaw & Gillett for Tozers, Dawlish; Mooring Aldridge & Haydon, Bournemouth.

Plea for compassion

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Sheikh

The Immigration Appeal Tribunal did not err in dismissing an appeal against a deportation order made under section 3(5)(b) of the Immigration Act 1971, Mr Justice Mann held in the Queen's Bench Division on April 28. The applicant, Anwar Ahmed Sheikh, had entered the UK legally but had accelerated obtaining indefinite leave to remain by bribing an official.

Section 3(5)(b) provided that a person who was not a patrial was liable to deportation if the secretary of state deemed his deportation conducive to the public good

HIS LORDSHIP said the decision of the tribunal was attacked on behalf of Mr Sheikh on eight grounds, the most substantial of which was that no reasonable tribunal could have reached the decision arrived at in the instant case. However, Mr Sheikh had abused the law and his Lordship found the tribunal's decision quite reasonable.

Nevertheless the case was a hard one as Mr Sheikh had lived in this country since 1970 and his wife, whose right to remain was critically dependent on that of her husband, had been here since 1977. There were four children of the marriage all of whom knew no culture other than that of England

In the light of those considerations his Lordship felt the secretary of state might wish to reconsider the case on compassionate grounds.

Disqualification of company directors

In re Stanford Services Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment March 26]

If a director of a company failed to pay substantial sums due in respect of value-added tax, pay-as-you-earn and national insurance contributions and continued to trade in spite of the fact that he ought to have known that given the liability to pay those taxes the company was insolvent, that was sufficient misconduct to justify disqualification under section 300 of the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment on a summons by the Official Receiver for an order under section 300 that the respondent, Edmund Charles Stanford Ivens, should not without the leave of the court be director of a company on the ground that his conduct as a director of Stanford Sports Ltd, L. F. Realisations Ltd and Stanford Services Ltd, which were insolvent when they were wound up made him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.

Mr Terence Mowschenson for the Official Receiver; Mr John Cone for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that the companies had gone into liquidation owing, inter alia, large debts to the Crown which were now irrecoverable: £59,200 PAYE, £62,400 national insurance and £54,800 VAT.

Mr Cone submitted that the position of the Crown was no different from that of ordinary trade creditors and the fact that large sums were owed to it was not in itself evidence justifying disqualification under section 300.

He relied on *Dawson Print Group Ltd v Princo Ltd* (April 9, 1986, ChD unreported) in which Mr Justice Hoffmann said that in order to justify disqualifying a director under section 300 there had to be "some conduct which if not dishonest is at any rate in breach of standards of commercial morality, or some really gross incompetence which persuades the court that it would be a danger to the public if he were to be allowed to continue to be involved in the management of companies . . .

"I cannot accept that failure to pay these debts [to the Crown] is regarded in the commercial world generally as such a breach of commercial morality that it requires in itself a conclusion that the directors concerned are unfit to be involved in the management of the company."

His Lordship did not think that Mr Justice Hoffmann intended to lay down a principle as wide as that.

Moneys deducted by way of PAYE and NI or charged to customers by way of VAT were not trust moneys and a failure to set aside sufficient moneys to meet those obligations was not in itself a breach of commercial morality to be equated with, for example, the use of moneys which the directors knew to belong beneficially to another for the purpose of the company's trade, or the misuse of the company's own money for some improper purpose.

However, there was a practical difference between those Crown debts and debts due to ordinary trade creditors. Many if not most trading companies relied to some extent on the credit afforded by the suppliers of materials, goods and services.

Creditors could protect themselves to some extent but an ordinary creditor would not usually expect to be protected from any risk that the company would become insolvent and that he would suffer some risk in consequence.

The position of the Crown in relation to PAYE, NI and VAT was very different. The Crown was an involuntary creditor. That fact was recognized by the preference afforded to Crown debts.

The trader was under a statutory obligation to keep full and up-to-date records of the sums due by way of PAYE, NI and VAT and to account for those sums at regular intervals.

The director of a company ought to conduct its affairs in such a way that it could meet those liabilities when they fell due not only because they were not moneys earned by its trading activities which it was entitled to treat as part of its cash flow, but more importantly because the directors ought not to use moneys which the company was currently liable to pay over to the Crown to finance its current trading activities.

If they did so and if in consequence the taxes became due and in a winding-up irrecoverable, the court might draw the inference that the directors were continuing to trade at a time when they ought to have known that the company was unable to meet its current and accruing liabilites and were unjustifiedly putting risk moneys which were part the public revenues, to finan trading activities which might might not produce profits.

It was misleading, or at le unhelpful, to ask whether fail to pay such debts would g erally be regarded as a breach commercial morality.

A director who allowed suc situation to arise was either breach of his duty to k himself properly informed w reasonable accuracy as to company's current finan position (see section 221 of 1985 Act) or was acting imp erly in continuing to trade a expense and to the jeopard moneys which he ought no have used to finance company's current trade.

Each case turned on its facts. This was not one of most serious cases to c before the court. Taking evidence as a whole his L ship disqualified the respon from being a director company for two years.

Solicitors: Treasury Soli McKenna & Co.

Petitioning on threa to company interest

In re Keayon Swansea Ltd

A member of a company could petition under section 459 of the Companies Act 1985 on the ground that any actual or proposed act or omission of the company was or would be unfairly prejudicial to the interests of some part of the members as long as at the date of the petition there was an immediate threat of such an act taking place, Mr Justice Vinelott said in the Chancery Division on April 7.

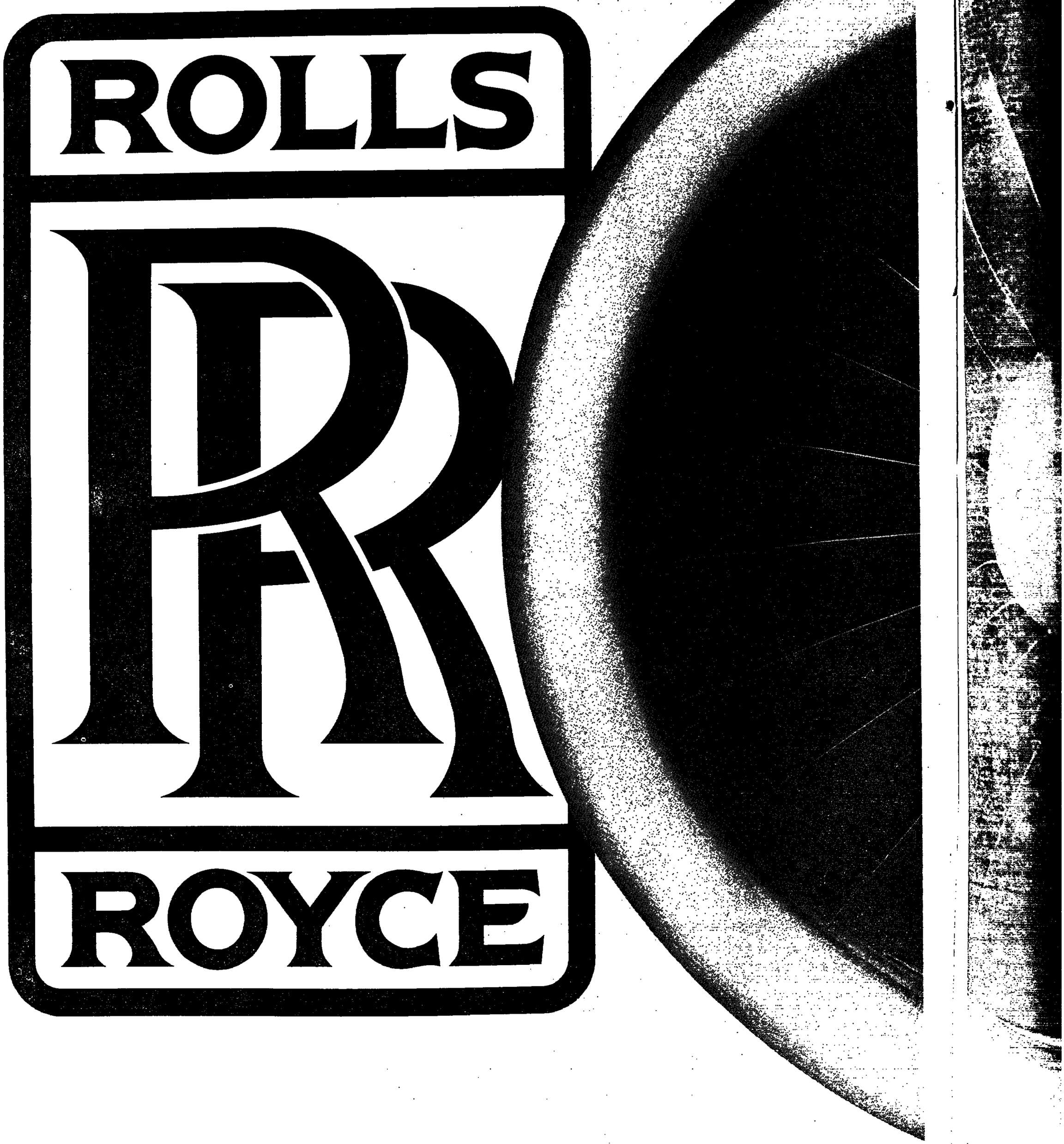
MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that it was sufficient to found a petition that an act had been proposed that if carried out or completed would be dicial to the petitioner.

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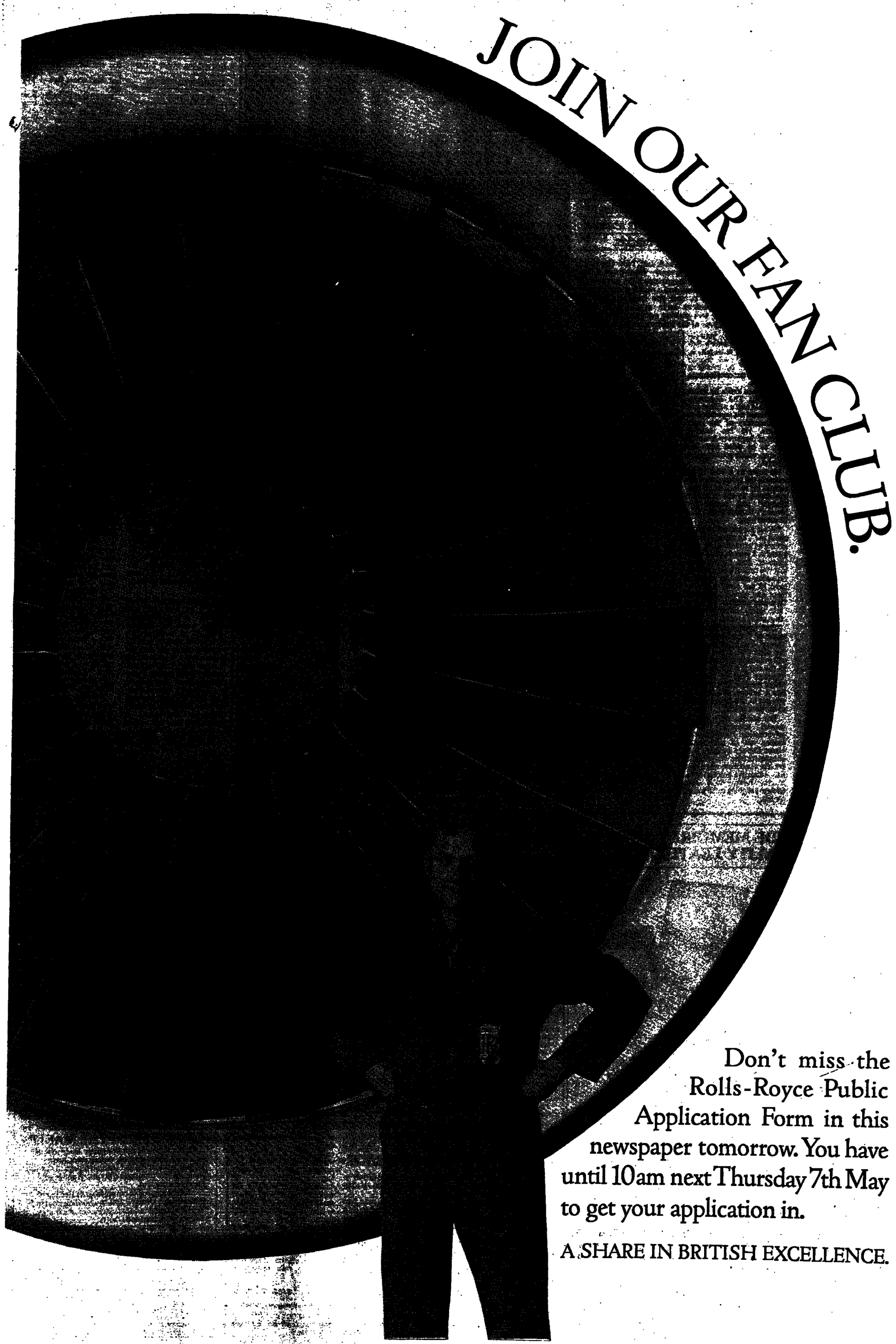
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The gurus

Having some cash to invest in the Government's privatization schemes and knowing where to take it are all very well; but the right advice is a third and crucial element. The growth of share ownership, as Pearson Phillips reports, has made minor celebrities of the people who keep investors abreast of the trends in a volatile market



Louise Botting: briskly turned out in the uniform of upwardly-mobile investment bankers

A recent MORI poll showed that between 1979, when Mrs Thatcher came to power, and this year, share-ownership among British adults rose from 7 to 19 per cent. One of the spin-offs has been the rise of financial gurus, previously consigned to the back end of newspapers, specialist magazines, and dry, off-peak broadcasts. Now the stock market is frequently front-page news, most of the magazines have acquired a populist gloss and a racier prose style to go with it, and the leading financial broadcasters have attracted a dedicated, and growing audience. *The Times* met four of the leaders in this new field.

BOB BECKMAN

"Will Champagne do?" said Bob Beckman, as we climbed to the "recreation area" of the three-floor penthouse which he rents for £25,000 a year on top of a Barbican tower.

The hotting up of investment interest has made his daily three-minute financial chat one of the most popular features of the London Broadcasting Company's morning radio show, with five million listeners a week. But that is just a small, early-morning chore that he rattles off as the sun rises behind his view of the City's skyscrapers.

The rest of the day he spends looking after his £50 million Beckman International Unit Trust, tending the £34 millions of the portfolios of his 130 private clients (only for those with funds in excess of £100,000), publishing the weekly *Investor's Bulletin* and trying, as he puts it, "to stop my own money melting away" by averaging an annual 20 per cent increase in his assets.

In between times he writes books. His *The Downwave* (1983) sold half a million and consolidated his reputation as the Cassandra of the stock markets. He has another couple of chapters to do on his next, to be titled *Into The Upwave*, which sounds more cheerful.

He began as a Wall Street broker in the 1950s, took three months off to look at Europe, was drawn to the "civilized lifestyle" and bought the *Investor's Bulletin* when it had 12 subscribers.

"What no one understands about me", he says, "is that I am not a Cassandra at all, I am a realist. I look at reality, not statistics. And the reality is that you cannot have a healthy expanding economy while you have 12 per cent unemployment and global stagnation. To create wealth you have to make things, rather than just chase paper around.

"The market is rising because of 'The Greater Fool Theory'. You buy a share in a the hope that a greater fool will eventually pay more for it. In the end it is bought by the 'Greatest Fool of All', just before the end. The market is like a balloon, the more air you put in, the nearer you are to bursting point."

The sudden rash of newcomers tempted by the privatization issues to take money out of safe resting places like the building societies scares him. "In America, popular capitalism was a long, slow educative process. If the market turns, these newcomers are going to be put off for life."



Gillian O'Connor: as goes the market, so goes the circulation

GILLIAN O'CONNOR

On the wall behind Gillian O'Connor's chair, beside the fur coat on its hanger, is a chart showing the progress of the Financial Times Ordinary share index. It also happens to be a pretty accurate guide to the health of the magazine she edits.

When the stock exchange is in the doldrums people lose interest in shares. They also lose interest in the grandfather of all money journals, the *Investor's Chronicle*, which is nudging 127 years old.

But in the bull market, the *IC*'s circulation leaps – from 37,000 to 51,000 in the past year, over a quarter of the increase in the under-34 Yuppie bracket. In the darkest days of the early 1970s it sank to 27,000.

All O'Connor can do about that is to make the most of the good times and the best of the bad ones. Not that a market fall would affect her in terms of shares – she does not own any. "I'm just not interested," she says.

For ten years the sweetheart of the investing world has been a fast-talking, incisive female voice emerging from BBC Radio Four on Saturdays and again on Monday mornings.

Louise Botting of *Money Box* has a missionary's attitude to her job. "What we have to do", she says, "is teach people to look after themselves." For two days in the week she presents the latest news on building society rates or unit trust offers to an audience of one and a half million. But for the other three days she runs her own investment advice business, with 20 staff and offices in St James's Street, London.

She is 46, tall, handsome, and briskly turned out in the suit and silk-shirted uniform adopted by upwardly-mobile female merchant bankers. Her degree in economics at the LSE was followed by a job as an analyst at bankers Kleinwort Benson.

She left to marry, travel up the Amazon by canoe and indulge in other globe-trotting adventures, after which she settled down to motherhood, and market research. She discovered the world of bonds, unit trusts and unit-linked insurance schemes at the end of the 1960s, when the emphasis was on safeguarding capital from the ravages of inflation. Moving into popular financial journalism she learned the art of writing about complicated matters in a way that everyone could understand.

As a personal finance editor, her postbag was around 600 to 700 letters a week. "Many of them said 'if only I could pop in and see you', and I thought, why not?" So in 1974 she set up her company, Douglas Deakin Young, which specializes in helping people who are suddenly landed with large redundancy or retirement payments.

And is she steering people towards shares? "I would, if I could be sure the bull market was going on for ever." But she has recommended the odd "punt", and those who followed her *Money Box* hint on Japanese-based unit trusts just over a year ago bless her name. Their money doubled.

With one home in London, a 17th-century house in the Cotswolds, and the week neatly divided between a pair of jobs, she thinks she has "finally got things properly sorted out".

JOHN SNOWDEN

The editor of *The Penny Share Guide* had his papers spread out on what appeared to be the kitchen table when I called at a house in north London.

A deluge of advertising in the financial press points out that the way to share riches is to buy into small, lowly-valued companies and watch them blossom into large, highly-valued ones. The only problem is picking them. That is where Mr Snowden comes in.

For £50 a year, subscribers get eight pages a month of racy recommendations for companies few will have heard of, let alone thought of investing in. Of the cautious, well-hedged style adopted by most financial commentators there is little sign. "Buy the shares, and sit back and enjoy what should be a pleasant ride", it promises.

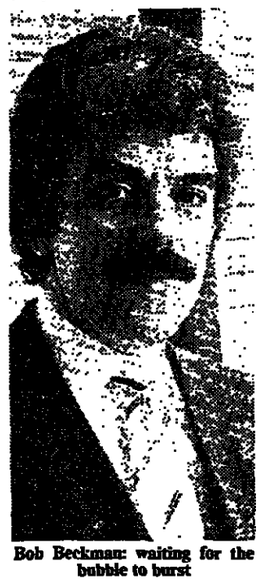
What we all want to know is, does it work?

He produced the portfolio of shares that he recommended in January 1986. It shows a rise of 69 per cent, so a £1,000 invested would show £1,690 now. That is not quite as good as a well-chosen Unit Trust devoted to the Japanese market over the same period, but it's not bad.

As a young man, Snowden got the bug after buying 200 shares in a South African mine at 3p each, worth over £1 each two years later. He has a City background, including in spell with bankers Schroder Wagg. As well as *The Penny Share Guide*, with "in excess of 50,000 subscribers", he edits a new publication, *The New Issue Share Guide*. As part of this service he has set up a taped telephone service at his home in Woking, which supplies his customers with the very latest new issue news and comment.



John Snowden: how to make money on the kitchen table



Bob Beckman: waiting for the bubble to burst

Diary of a somebody

Dr Crippen was just a harmless man who made a mistake, according to Emlyn Williams

At the age of 82, Emlyn Williams is making a come-back in a new character – not as Charles Dickens or Dylan Thomas but as Dr Hawley Harvey Crippen, the celebrated wife-murderer. *Dr Crippen's Diary*, the journal which Crippen "could have" kept, is appearing on the bookshelves next week after having supposedly lain hidden in the back of a drawer marked "not to be opened till 1985". It sticks faithfully to the established facts of the case – but it goes further. Like a play for one character, it is a long soliloquy in which Williams reconstructs Crippen's inner being.

If it comes as a surprise that Emlyn Williams's talents as a dramatist should have turned to imaginative crime reconstruction, one has only to look back at his career to see that the pattern was always there. His first play, *A Murder Has Been Arranged*, came out of his head but *Night Must Fall*, in which the murderer kept the victim's head in a hatbox, came out of the newspapers.

Thirty years later came his psychological study of the Moors murderers, whom he observed throughout their trial, in his book *Beyond Belief*. But there was no parallel between the partnership of Ian Brady and Myra Hindley and that of Crippen and Ethel Le Neve, he declares, except for the obsessive love the girl had for the man involved.

Is it possible to understand people like the Moors murderers? "No, it is the mystery of human behaviour that fascinates. They behaved like arrested spies – proud to be on trial, showing no distress or shame. They were spies from a country we know nothing of.

"Crippen appealed to me because he was quite the opposite. He was as innocent as you could be." Crippen innocent? "A harmless man who made a mistake, gave his wife the wrong pill and got into an awful muddle trying to cover it up. Lost his head completely. To me he's a very pathetic case." And indeed, in Williams's characterization, Dr Crippen's yearning for social esteem in Hilldrop Crescent, Holloway, is reminiscent of that other Holloway resident, Mr Pooter. The book is in all but one respect the diary of a nobody, even down to the bad jokes about feeling "cut-up".

For all that he hailed from Coldwater, Michigan, originally there was no more devoted suburban Englishman than Dr Crippen. But Belle Elmore, the hard-drinking failed music hall artiste he married, was openly contemptuous of her unprepossessing husband – he was 5ft 4in with baldness, pebble lenses and an overweight moustache.

Williams is not alone in believing him innocent. The governor of Pentonville thought his prisoner had been unjustly condemned. There was a petition for a reprieve with 15,000 signatures, which failed to move Winston Churchill, the Home Secretary.

The prime believer in his innocence was his lover Ethel Le Neve, who was found innocent of complicity. In the 1950s Ursula Bloom, the novelist, found her living unrecognized in Addiscombe and kept her identity secret until her death in 1967. "Not only did Ethel Le Neve believe Crippen innocent, she convinced Ursula Bloom of it too," Williams says.



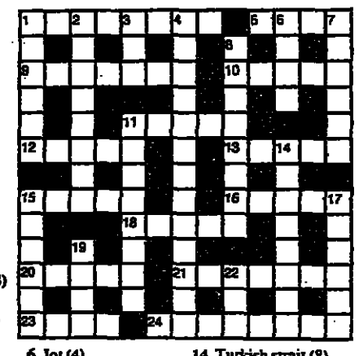
Williams and Crippen: "as innocent as you could be"

All this is delivered with eyes glittering hyacinth blue beneath the quiffed hair, now snowy white. It makes one want to see Emlyn Williams playing the part, not just in print but on the stage. But he says: "When you're over 80, they wait for you to stumble. Writing is my outlet now."

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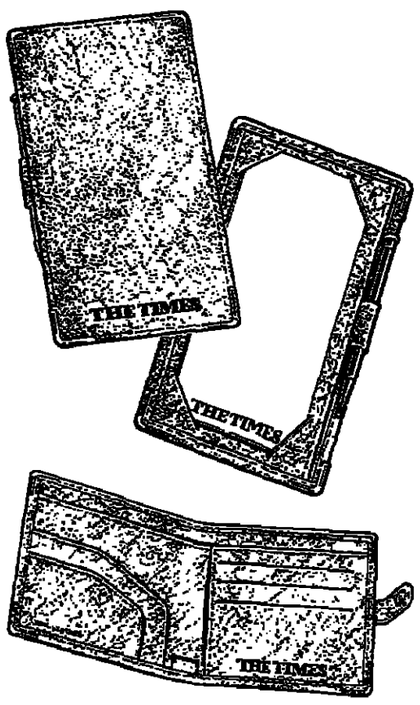
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They all laughed ...

A myth will hit television tonight, but the latter-day Daedalus is less daft than he sounds

Sensible people know that it is unwise to be too enthusiastic about wild ideas, such as reversible sleeping pills and green sheep that would show up better in the winter snow. They tend to be best reserved for the realms of fantasy.

So what is one to make of Dr David Jones? Not only does he have such ideas, he actually devotes much of his day to inventing them and, for the last 20 years, has been proudly publishing them for all the world to read.

Tonight his madcap schemes, previously confined to his column in the *New Scientist*, take to the television screen in a BBC *QED* programme, the visual cornerstone of which will be Jones's reliance on easy-to-recognize equipment; for example, to demonstrate the behaviour of tornados he uses a ceiling fan, four vacuum cleaners and – he adds with pleasure – a mass of confetti which fills the studio.

Jones works from a suitably scientific-looking office at the University of Newcastle. On his desk lies a book, *The Inventions of Daedalus*, which is a compendium of his best, or worst, ideas. The use of Daedalus, the pseudonym under which Jones writes his column, is apt; Daedalus was a mythical Athenian craftsman renowned for his ingenuity and skill, which he displayed most famously in a pair of wax wings for Icarus.

Jones speaks about Daedalus as if he were a real person, as if *he* were the one to question about these intriguing schemes to produce soaps that massage and rockets which build towers by emitting a solid exhaust.

He says: "Daedalus flourishes in the uncertain region between the totally forbidden and the clearly feasible." And later, gleefully: "Daedalus believes that the whole purpose of high-speed travel is only to protect people from getting bored."



David Jones: a place between the forbidden and the feasible

Such illusions are enough to make even the most whimsical grateful for a conventional statement and, mercifully, Jones makes a few of those as well. "I have my serious research work to do," he admits, "but it does not lend itself to discussion with large audiences."

The undoubted shock value of such schemes as his proposal to link cars on motorways to form "trains" as a way of reducing congestion and accidents has one flaw for newcomers: it is liable to lead them to believe that Jones is free to propose anything at all.

He rejects this easy option: "Daedalus never flagrantly posits impossibilities. Ideally his fancies are ingenious, novel and even crazy, but they mustn't break natural laws. On the other hand," and here Jones's eyes gleam, "somewhere along the line, they do run off the rails."

His ideas seldom originate in daydreams. "I have ideas because I have to have them every week for the column," he says. "I am forever staggering around the library pulling new journals off the shelves. I stop experts again and again and talk to them. I have to be curious."

Twenty years ago, the Daedalus persona was only, Jones says, "a sideshow". Then he found his serious research curtailed by financial constraints and he pursued funding himself by extending his column into television appearances and scientific demonstrations for museums.

The unexpected proximity of the seemingly absurd and the pragmatic shows up repeatedly in Jones's talk. No sooner has he finished expatiating warmly on the alluring possibility of "archaeological sound" – the possible recovery of noises made by Greeks and Romans – than he is harping on hard facts.

"Science has very strict laws," he stresses. "I bet my life on them all the time, as does anyone using technology based on science. If the laws are wrong, then we lose our bet."

Terence Doyle

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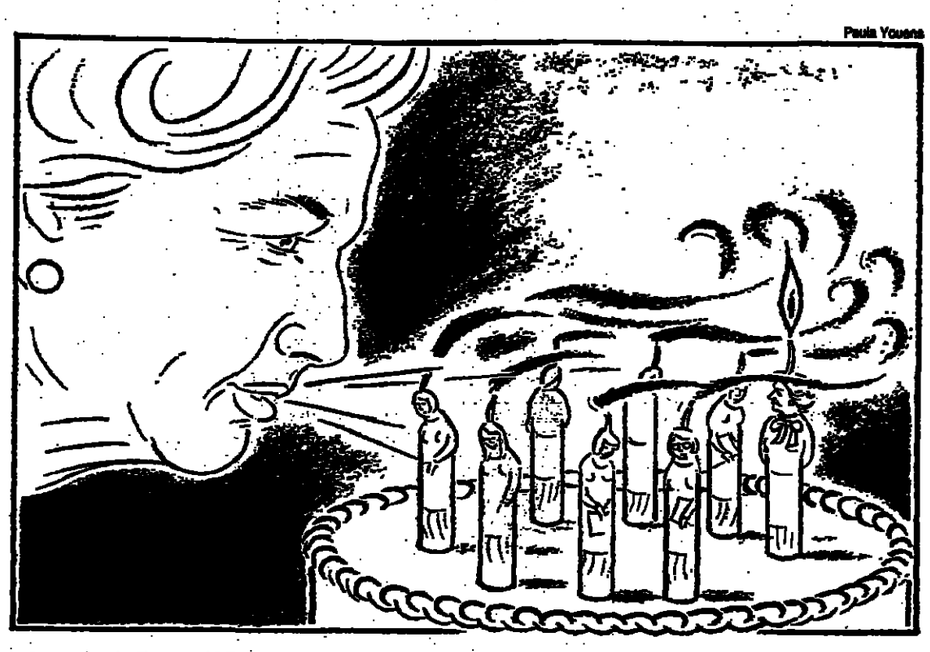
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No room at the top?

On Sunday the Prime Minister celebrates her eighth year at Number 10. Why does she still seem to be an exception? Sally Brompton reports


Paula Youens

The 45-year-old prospective Tory candidate could scarcely believe her ears when the chairman of her local selection committee inquired: "Does your husband know you're here tonight?" It was a question emphasizing the inherent limitations of the ideals of sexual equality, and the kind of attitude which illustrates why there are so few women Members of Parliament.

For it is an astonishing fact that despite the phenomenon of a woman Prime Minister, Britain's *female* politicians still represent a token minority (accounting for a meagre 4 per cent of Members in the House of Commons). It is a situation which even male parliamentarians abhor. Bernard Weatherill, Speaker of the House, says: "This place should be a forum of the nation and the reflection of the nation outside, so we want every part of the nation represented here."

While the leaders of the three major parties are only too aware of the undesirability of such an imbalance, the women themselves regard it as no less than scandalous. "It's not just unfair, it is also bad for Parliament to be deprived of all the experience and expertise women could offer," says Doreen Miller, chairwoman of the all-party 300 Group, whose aim is to encourage and train women to stand for Parliament.

"It's not because the electorate don't want them. In this country people don't vote for women or men — they vote for parties. The problem is that the selection committees won't choose them."

Miller's view is widely held among the political *cognoscenti* — both male and female. However, their leaders have neither the power nor the authority to influence the democratic selection process which is normally the responsibility of a handful of senior members of the local party.

"Clearly, the selectors' job is to select the candidate most likely to bring in the votes," says Elizabeth Vallance, head of the Department of Political Studies at the University of London's Queen Mary College. "The tendency will be to select the type of candidate who has won before — typically, a middle-class, middle-aged, white man with a wife and two children — and there is very little political incentive to look beyond that, unless a candidate is outstanding."

Miller, herself an unsuccessful Tory candidate for the European Parliament, has found that female selectors are frequently as biased as the men. "If you're young they ask if you're going to have children; if you already have them they say 'Shouldn't you stay at home and look after them?'; if you've taken a career break to bring up your family they don't regard it as a plus at all. Without actually realizing it, they are discriminating against women."

The Minister of State for Transport, Lynda Chalker, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for future premiership, believes that many women on selection committees "can't see themselves being an MP and therefore can't envisage choosing a woman". Of her own chances of becoming Prime Minister she says: "I've always said that it's a job you would only aspire to if your colleagues wanted you to do it."

Ironically, having a woman Prime Minister has done little to improve the situation. In fact, when Margaret Thatcher was voted into Number 10 in 1979, only 19 women MPs were elected (the lowest number for 30 years); and hers is the first Cabinet in more than 20 years not to include a woman member.

Today there are 28 female MPs: 12 Labour, 14 Conservatives, including the Prime Minister, one Liberal and one SDP. After the 1983 General Election there were only 23 — one fewer than in 1945. Since then, another four have gained seats through by-elections. The Tories are actually fielding nine *fewer* women candidates in the coming election than they did last time round. And the 30 women standing include 13 MPs seeking re-election. While having a woman at Number 10 has doubtlessly given hope to other politically ambitious women, in some ways it has also acted as a deterrent.

"I suspect Mrs Thatcher has given the impression to many perfectly capable women that if they don't think they are Prime Minister calibre, they don't need to apply," Vallance says. "A man can usually look at some other man and say 'I could do that.' But apparently exceptional women — superwomen — can make other women think 'I could never be like that.'"

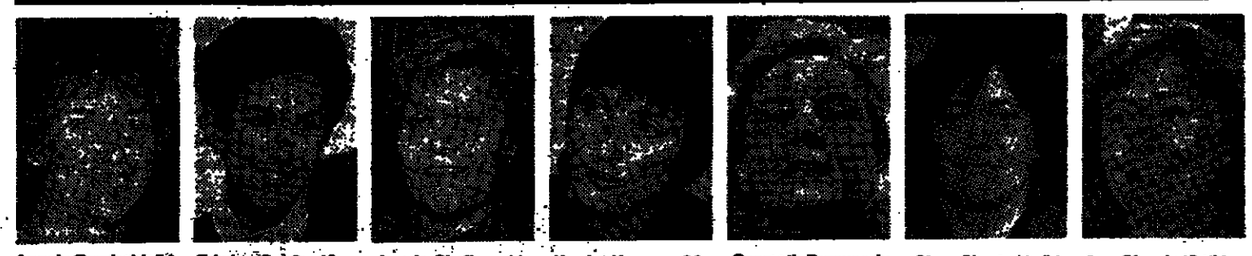
The Tory vice-chairman, Emma Nicholson, who has spent the past three years "working very hard indeed to encourage women to dip their toes in the water of politics", regards the lack of female MPs as a tragedy, and acknowledges that not all women would want to cope with the kind of verbal assault-course which Mrs Thatcher takes in her stride. "It does appear — and, indeed, is — a very aggressive forum, and few women have a taste for aggression to no apparent purpose," Nicholson says. The Tory MP Elizabeth Peacock, agrees: "I'm not sure I could stand up at Prime Minister's Question Time and cope with what Mrs Thatcher does, and I'm not sure I would want to."

The Prime Minister summed up her own philosophy, shortly before she was appointed shadow Education Secretary, with the line from Sophocles: "Once a woman is made equal to a man, she becomes his superior." Anthony Clare, Professor of Psychology at St Bartholemew's Hospital, London, agrees to the extent that "it is very difficult to find typical women in high positions of power. I think the women are aware themselves that it's a man's world. Where they have succeeded it is because they have said, 'we will take you on at your own game and beat you.'

"There is always the assumption that a single-minded man is backed up by a little woman at home and at work. I think women regard single-minded people as half-mad. They are usually married to them and know what they're like."

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THE SEVEN MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



Angela Rumbold, 54. (C) MP for Mitcham and Morden since 1982. Former PPS to Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and to the Secretary of State. Married, two sons, one daughter

Edwina Currie, 40. (C) MP for Derbyshire South since 1983. Junior Health Minister since 1986. Former economics and history teacher. Married, two daughters.

Lynda Chalker, 44. (C) MP for Wallasey since 1974. Former statistician and business woman. Minister of State for Transport since 1983. Married, no children.

Harriet Harman, 36, (L) MP for Peckham since 1982. Former civil rights legal officer. Cause célèbre: 1981 contempt case over release of papers read out in court. Married, two sons.

Gwyneth Dunwoody, 58. (L) MP for Crewe and Nantwich since 1983. Elected 1966. Formerly front-bench spokesman on foreign affairs, health service, transport. Divorced, two sons, one daughter.

Clare Short, 41, (L) MP for Birmingham Ladywood since 1983. Author and former director of Youth Aid; now front bench spokesman on unemployment. Married, no children.

Ann Clwyd, 49. (L) MP for Cynon Valley since 1984. Journalist, broadcaster, and formerly student teacher, studio manager, member of Arts Council. Married, no children.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Pleasure in a park

Not all theme parks are created equal — that is the verdict of Jill Foster and Malcolm Hamer, whose newly-updated 1987 *Family Welcome Guide* (Sphere £4.95) now incorporates critiques of popular leisure complexes. Three they particularly recommend are Alton Towers, near Sheffield, *Pleasurewood Hill* American Theme Park, near Lowestoft, and Thorpe Park, near Windsor. While detailing value-for-money and the length of queues, the book does not address itself to the question of safety precautions on rides.

Rent-a-robe

Now Cinderellas north of Regent's Park (and outside London) can go to the ball without the expense of buying a new frock. Joanna Doniger's One Night Stand, which hires out designer ballgowns and fancy cocktail dresses, has opened a second branch at 148 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 (01-586 2123 for an appointment). Out-of-towners can choose several gowns on one visit and have each confection dispatched by Red Star at the appropriate time. Unlike Cinderella, the dresses do not have to be back by midnight: they can be hired for the weekend.

Fizzy food

Well-heeled Londoners can now enjoy the luxury of champagne breakfasts in bed, delivered to their own front door. £30 will summon champagne, orange juice and croissants, together with your favourite Sunday paper — and you will have all day to lie there and recover from the hangover. Bucks Fizz Breakfasts operate from 38 Courtfield Gardens, London SW5 0PG (01-373 1508). But someone's got to get out of bed to let them in.

Train rhymes

"The poet now standing on platform nine. . ." is likely to be taking part in the nationwide "Poetry Live" festival planned for the first two weeks of May, including readings destined to give Waterloo Station's commuters something more than *The Times* crossword to fill their waiting time on May 5, 6 and 7. The fortnight's highlight, however, is the first performance in the West by the Russian Irina Ratushinskaya, topping the bill at the Albert Hall on May 12. For details of events in your town, call the Poetry Live co-ordinator at the Book Trust on 01-870 9055.

Past tension

For three years the Pre-Menstrual Tension Advisory Service has been teaching women self-help techniques to combat the syndrome. Now they have expanded into the Women's Nutritional Advisory Service, a postal nutritional analysis based on a detailed questionnaire. They suggest that, in general, giving *up coffee and cutting down on* alcohol, animal fats and salt will also aid most sufferers. For women keen on more regular monitoring, telephone and letter consultations are also on hand. Contact WNAS at PO Box 268, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1RW for further details.

Quote me...



"Ageing is like growing. It isn't a gradual, imperceptible process, but happens in leaps and bounds. You can go on for years being the same age. Then crunch. You're polishing a mirror table and you realize your neck has gone. Just like that." *Germaine Greer*

Which word?

When will some inspired soul come up with a creative alternative noun for "workshops" — the rapidly multiplying selection of expertly organized think-tanks nobly intended to give women the extra organizational skills, chutzpah or insight to climb on to and up the corporate ladder? Somehow, when coupled with the word, even the most pertinent subjects smack offputtingly of macramé-your-own-yoghurt encounter groups. Suggestions on a postcard please . . .

Josephine Fairley

TALKBACK

From Mr A.E. White, Longbridge Lane, West Heath, Birmingham

I was fascinated to read "Mercury and the dental dilemma" (Health Page, April 23). Dr Allen Brambir has referred one MS patient to me, and I too was very sceptical of replacing all this patient's seemingly satisfactory amalgam restorations.

I have now replaced all his fillings with a composite-based material. His improvement is genuinely remarkable.

From: Mr Ashwin Maini, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge

In her article "Taking Liberties" (Friday Page, April 24) Barbara Amiel expresses concern at the fate of Karl Linnas. Her anxiety is that an American court deemed it right "to send an accused Nazi back to the kangaroo courts of totalitarian communism". This uncharitable comment seems hard to justify in the light of the recent prosecutions of John Demjanyuk, Andrija Artukovic and now Klaus Barbie.

She maintains that "if patriotic involvement was behind Linnas's involvement with the Germans, he may well have had a partial defence to the charges against him — if only he had been able to present that defence." With respect, I know of no such defence to charges of mass murder.

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Snap happy family

Nick Rogers


Prints of the past: Frances Dimond, curator of the Royal Photographic Archives

What does a candid royal family album reveal about its subjects?

Frances Dimond's fascination with Queen Victoria and her family began as a small child when she would study books containing photographs of them in order to copy their faces meticulously on to her dolls.

It was an activity which has stood her in good stead in her job as curator of the Royal Photographic Archives at Windsor Castle and one which, she readily admits, helped in her 17-year task of identifying and cataloguing Queen Victoria's own personal collection of more than 50,000 photographs.

Some of the results of Miss Dimond's labours can be seen tonight when BBC1 screens *A Royal Family Album*, a 50-minute documentary featuring the present Duke of York which offers an unprecedented insight into the lives of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert by way of their family albums and the Queen's personal diaries. It is a sepia-coloured voyage into the private lives of this royal couple, providing a different picture of them from the rather glum image frequently painted by the historians.

"There has been a lot about Victoria that we didn't know before," says the programme's producer, Ann Paul. "She seems to have been a very gutsy woman. A lot of her quotes and comments show that."

They also illustrate her grasp of contemporary political situations as well as an unexpected understanding of the social problems of her people.

For Miss Dimond, a London University graduate in her early forties who began her career as assistant registrar in the Royal Archives, some of the most endearing photographs in the collection are those which were sent to the Queen by her subjects. There is one of Widow MacPherson, aged 105, who spoke nothing but Gaelic, another of a gnarled couple who had been married for 70 years, yet another of twins who went their separate ways in life, "one becoming righteous and the other sinful", and a touching portrait of a man of 104 who was too bent "even to stand up for his Sovereign".

The Queen's and Prince Albert's fascination with the new art form of photography appears to date from the time when the Prince had his picture taken by a studio photographer in Brighton, in 1842. Subsequently they both became patrons of the Royal Photographic Society. "We think they learnt photography," says Miss Dimond, "but we've no proof that they took photographs themselves because nothing survived as far as we know which is rather a pity.

"In fact it would have been very surprising if Prince Albert hadn't learnt the rudiments of photography, because he was very interested in all new inventions and believed in learning how to do things so he could appreciate the difficulties to be overcome."

Among Miss Dimond's favourite photographs from the royal albums are the ones of the Queen's household, including a portrait of the solemn and clearly reliable Mr Whiting, page of the back stairs for more than 50 years, and the amiable-looking couple who wove and embroidered the Queen's stockings for 60 years. "At one stage, I took some photographs of some of my colleagues, members of the Queen's present household, because I thought it would be nice to keep a record of them just as Queen Victoria did," Miss Dimond says.

She admits that her work with the royal photographs, currently on display at the "Crown and Camera" exhibition at the Queen's Gallery, dominates her life. She even dreams about Victoria and her family — "quite pleasant dreams, they're always very friendly" — and is quite accustomed to having nocturnal chats with Queen Alexandra. "I see her coming towards me in my dreams and think 'oh, how marvellous, I can take a photograph of her'."

Mandy Brown

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THE TIMES DIARY

Denis the determined

The Labour party still has one pre-election trick up its sleeve. I understand it is planning to send Denis Healey on a high-profile visit to Moscow next month and steal some of Mrs Thatcher's TV thunder as she addresses the Scottish Conservative Conference — the occasion, many pundits agree, when she will announce a June election. Healey's talks with Soviet leaders — including, it is hoped, Mikhail Gorbachov — are intended to reassure voters that Labour's defence policies have not been made redundant by the latest arms control initiatives. Healey, as I reported at the time, had first planned to upstage Mrs Thatcher by flying to Moscow in March a few days before she did. The trip was abandoned at the last moment amid vehement Labour denials that Moscow had vetoed it for fear of undermining the summit.

Key issues

Berkshire ratepayers anxious to get in touch with their elected representatives may soon have to go no further than their local supermarket or bus station. The county council plans to install computer terminals for public use, enabling complaining ratepayers to give councillors a piece of their mind. For local politicians there will be only two restrictions on the use of the terminals; a limit on the length of their bulletins and no electioneering.

Smaller world

The author David Lodge, professor of English at Birmingham University, is leaving his post after 27 years at the university. He tells me that he is going partly because of government cuts in higher education funding, which he thinks will be very bad for the university. The cuts will also feature in a forthcoming novel which he hopes to complete by the end of the year. Lodge, whose novel *Small World* has been adapted for television to be shown in the autumn, will devote himself fulltime to writing.

● **As the Seoul authorities plant trees and spruce the streets for the 1988 Olympics, the people have been told to be friendly to foreigners but "to avoid excessive displays of affection."**

Family alliance

Sir Philip Goodhart, Tory MP for Beckenham, was blushing to his roots yesterday after launching into a paean of praise for a speech by the SDP member for Greenwich, Rosie Barnes, mistakenly referring to it as her maiden speech. He should have known better, since his brother William and sister-in-law Celia are standing at the next election as SDP candidates. All three live in Kensington, where William is prospective candidate, as does a third brother, Charles, an economics professor at the LSE. The ubiquitous Goodharts are no strangers to the art of causing confusion. At the last general election Charles, much to the chagrin of the local Tories who hold the seat, put posters in his window for all three family candidates.

Balancing act

Labour-run Birmingham council's under-fives committee is worried about an Equal Opportunities Commission booklet on sex stereotyping. It has noticed the absence of ethnic minority children in photographs in the booklet, *An Equal Start*. The EOC, which used pictures taken in Sheffield nurseries, has reshot the photographs for the next edition.

Unavailable

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, is smarting at accusations from members of the Northern Ireland Police Federation that his predilection for foreign travel is keeping him away from the troubled province. Most recently he was forced to fly back from an engagement in Canada after the assassination at the weekend of Lord Justice Gibson and his wife. One disgruntled policeman tells me: "He is forever going round the world lecturing other people on how to handle terrorism. But every time he is away something happens here." Hermon's office is furious. "You won't find a harder working chief constable in the country," I was told.

Rubbished

Lady Porter's latest ambition, to rid Westminster's streets of litter, is in tatters. The pugnacious Tory council leader has been forced to accept swingeing government-imposed amendments to her private bill, which is about to go through Parliament. The Home Office, with no intention of lumbering Scotland Yard with another responsibility, has insisted that she remove all references to the police from the bill. Additionally, litter louts are to be released from the obligation to give their home addresses and any fines that are collected will go directly into Treasury rather than council coffers. With what remains of the bill due for rubber-stamping by the council today, Lady Porter is keeping a stiff upper lip. "Even though we have had to concede a couple of points, we still feel the bill will draw attention to the litter problem," she says. Cost of the bill's passage to ratepayers, at the last count? £40,000.

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How Kinnock should run No 10

by Tessa Blackstone

Whatever the opinion polls may say, a Tory election victory is far from certain. Harold Wilson was the last prime minister to call a June election having won on the two previous occasions. He and the Labour Party were ahead in the polls, just as Mrs Thatcher and the Conservatives are today. He lost. So could Mrs Thatcher.

It is vital therefore that Labour should be seen to be well prepared to take office. To this end the Fabian Society has just published a pamphlet which sets out an agenda for the first few months of a Labour government, a period when it would be under enormous pressures, domestic and international, notably the weakness of the economy. The advice it receives will almost certainly be on the side of extreme caution.

The Fabians focus on a number of central concerns: how to develop a radical momentum — implementing the "New Deal" election manifesto — without an overall majority; how to cope with immediate economic and financial pressure and to plan thereafter; how to establish a working relationship with the unions; how to change the direction of Conservative foreign policy.

Success in all these areas will require the appropriate machinery of government, the area that was my own contribution to the pamphlet. Mrs Thatcher's approach to Cabinet government is not one Neil Kinnock will wish to emulate. Her bullying style has made a mockery of collective decision making.

If a Labour government is returned there must be effective machinery at the centre to provide advice to both the prime minister and the Cabinet. This must be created in the first hundred days so that Labour's overall strategy can be established at the outset with the necessary structure and key staff in position to help keep the government on course.

The complex interconnection between many areas of policy in modern government requires that a prime minister — who carries out the difficult task of coordination — is well briefed. This briefing requires a more detailed analysis of policy problems to help him understand the issues than was necessary than in the past.

More complex problems of co-ordination domestically are mirrored in the international context. Greater inter-dependence, particularly in Europe, means that the agendas of meetings between heads of governments have become longer and more complicated. Prime ministers must be properly briefed for these occasions too. While some briefing can come from the relevant government departments, a more co-ordinated approach, free from individual departmental bias, and with a prime ministerial perspective is also needed. The way to provide this would not be to create a fully fledged prime minister's department, which would involve disruption and unnecessary reorganization of the centre. The right route would be to enlarge and strengthen the No 10 Policy Unit originally invented by Harold Wilson but retained by his successors.

It would need about ten staff with expertise in each of the main areas of policy (foreign and defence, economic, social and industrial).

They would be politically sympathetic experts from outside who could provide an alternative view to Whitehall. This would be better than recruiting eminent individual advisers in, say, economic or foreign policy because it would ensure a more co-ordinated approach. The unit should be responsible for providing the prime minister with advice about strategy through a regular overview two or three times a year, which he could take to the Cabinet. It should also help him launch his own initiatives, which he may occasionally consider necessary to promote a particular policy goal.

In Cabinet, senior ministers often find it difficult to play a constructive and well-informed role, particularly when their own department is not directly involved. Their own civil servants will find it difficult to advise them because of lack of expertise or because loyalty requires a departmental perspective.

Thus a non-departmental central capability is needed to advise ministers on how to relate individual proposals to their overall strategy and on how to solve the inevitable conflicts between departments. Without executive responsibilities it should also have as part of its remit the development of radical new ideas to solve difficult policy problems, which it should at the same time address in an analytical and realistic way.

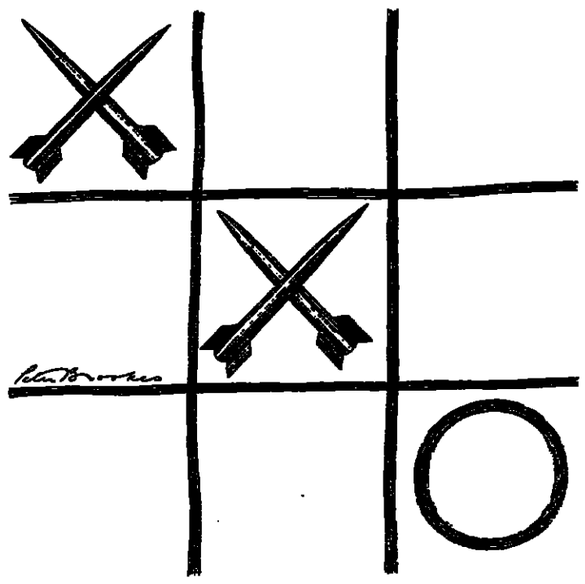
To achieve this Mr Kinnock should revive the Central Policy Review Staff, which Mrs Thatcher abolished, and personally appoint its head. A beefed-up policy unit and a CPRS Mark II are in no way incompatible. Both are needed and would, in fact, complement each other rather than compete.

One would focus on private, mainly short-term advice to the Prime Minister and on the political strategy; the other on collective advice to ministers and on the medium term. These relatively small and inexpensive changes to the machinery at the centre could make a substantial difference not just to Labour's first hundred days but also to its next four years.

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Michael Howard puts the case for scrapping medium-range nuclear weapons

Count right down to zero



For the historian, the current approach to arms control is not encouraging. The search for mutual security by balancing missile against missile and tank against tank is all too reminiscent of the negotiations before 1914 when the British viewed naval security in terms of a "favourable balance" of dreadnoughts against Germany, or those after 1919 when Britain successfully negotiated equality in battleships with the United States.

In the event, Germany was to hold the British grand fleet in check throughout the First World War with a small "fleet in being", and nearly brought Britain to its knees with its submarines. In the Second World War the vital weapon in naval warfare proved not to be the battleship but the aircraft carrier — and even that would have been of little value without ancillary developments in radar and cryptography. Those developments were also to prove of far greater importance in air warfare than the numerical competition in aircraft production which dominated the 1930s. We won the Battle of Britain in spite of our attempt to match the Luftwaffe in bomber production; not because of it.

Numbers were no guide to security then. Even less are they so in the nuclear age. The utility of nuclear weapons lies in their capacity to pose a credible threat of unacceptable destruction. For that, numbers above a certain point are almost irrelevant and equality of numbers entirely so. The Chernobyl disaster, whose damage was caused by a minute fraction of the explosive power of a single nuclear warhead, revealed how *little* nuclear destruction it would take to be "unacceptable" to the Soviet Union or anyone else. Some ninety-nine hundredths of the world's nuclear arsenals are thus totally redundant. The case for reducing their numbers rests less on the danger they pose than on their complete uselessness.

In no area does the matching of numbers make less sense than in that of intermediate range nuclear forces (INF), the abolition of which is being currently discussed between the Soviet Union and the United States. These weapons serve entirely different purposes for each side. For the Soviet Union, the SS20 missiles certainly provide a useful component in their nuclear arsenal targeted against Europe: mobile enough to be invulnerable, accurate enough to have operational value.

The weapons of comparable range which the West installed to match them, the ground-launched cruise missiles and Pershing Twos, had a quite different purpose. It was to demonstrate, to apparently doubting allies, that the United States was committed to the defence of Western Europe by the installation, on European territory, of nuclear weapons targeted against the Soviet Union; so that the Russians would know that any attack on Western Europe would put their own territory at risk.

Given a Nato strategy dependence on such an American guarantee, such capacity was necessary whether the Russians deployed their SS20s or not. But the United States already possessed it with their F1-11A bombers (admittedly of obsolescent effectiveness) and submarine-launched ballistic missiles (admittedly less accurate in delivery). The installation of the INFs was seen not as a military but as a political necessity; first to reassure anxious West Germans that their security was not being bargained away in the Salt talks on strategic arms limitation; then to ensure solidarity of the Nato alliance; and finally, to indicate governmental resolve to face down domestic opposition. If anything made the installation of INFs certain, it was, paradoxically, the activity of the peace movements in Western Europe. Democratic governments had to show that they still had the capacity to govern.

But the INFs had, and have, no essential *military* role; there are no targets in the Soviet Union which could not be reached by other means such as airborne or seaborne cruise missiles or increasingly accurate sea-launched ballistic missiles. And their *political* role could not be traded off against SS20s. It was not against Soviet nuclear weapons that the Europeans wanted American nuclear guarantees, but against their conventional strength.

The "Zero Option," — the elimination of INFs on both sides — thus, on the face of it, places the West in a thoroughly disadvantageous position; so bad, indeed, that one wonders why the West proposed it in the first place, and the Russians took so long to agree. The Russians can dispense with their SS20s. They have no need to fight a nuclear war in Europe when they have good prospects of winning a conventional one. Even if they did, they have plenty of weapons of shorter or longer range to serve their purpose. But can we dispense with Pershing and cruise?

The short answer is: yes, we can, if we think in terms not of political symbols but of military needs. Indeed, all arms control negotiation would be much easier if based on a straighforward assessment of military requirements rather than on fears of what political "messages" would be conveyed to allies or adversaries by our decisions. The American "guarantee" is provided by the presence in Western Europe of 300,000 servicemen and their families, hostages whom no American president would dare to abandon. Deterrence through fear of nuclear escalation is provided both by the presence of "tactical" nuclear weapons (whose numbers could still be drastically reduced) and an airborne and seaborne capacity to deliver nuclear destruction at any point in the territory of the Warsaw Pact. The structure of deterrence was stable before the introduction of cruise and Pershings. It will be no less so if they are taken away.

The problem is, in fact, not military but psychological. How are we to reassure those, particularly in Germany and France, who believe that the elimination or reduction of *any* weapons, however redundant militarily, will initiate a long process of American "decoupling", with the consequent unravelling of Nato?

The first essential is to prevent visceral fears being dressed up as military necessities. If weapons are redundant, let us abandon them. Our need is not necessarily related to the possession of such weapons, in whatever quantity, by the other side. Our requirement for tactical nuclear weapons, in particular, bears no relation to the numbers in Soviet arsenals.

If our own perceptions of our needs coincide with those of our adversaries of theirs, and so can lead to formal agreement, well and good. If from small beginnings we can then proceed to broader understandings about the dismantling of our huge and redundant arsenals, better still. And if this leads to a general improvement in the international atmosphere, best of all.

The Zero Option, so long as the credibility of American nuclear retaliation is still made evident by the deployment of the massive nuclear and conventional forces which would remain, would enable Nato to escape from the false position into which it has allowed itself to be trapped by a series of unwise decisions, without in any way weakening its deterrent position. It would be tragic if the second thoughts of the very people who initiated it now made such an agreement impossible.

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Catholic martyr or holocaust victim?

Rome

The philosopher Edith Stein was praying in the chapel of her Carmelite convent in Holland during the summer of 1942 when the SS arrived to despatch her on the long train journey to Auschwitz, the final destination for so many Nazi victims.

In Cologne on Friday, the Pope will honour Edith Stein, alias Sister Teresa Benedicta, in the first modern beatification of a Jewish convert. The ceremony could lead to her canonization, the creation of a new Saint Teresa; but Jews, including the nun's relatives, are fiercely resisting her elevation.

Candidates for sainthood are proposed and vetted through the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints but the pontiff of the day clearly has much influence. Pope John Paul II was first attracted to the life of Edith Stein by her philosophical writings. She was assistant to the German philosopher Edmund Husserl, a phenomenologist who also strongly influenced the Pope's early philosophical works. She was born in 1891 in Breslau — now the Polish city of Wroclaw — the gifted daughter of Jewish timber merchants. According to her autobiography, *Life in a Jewish Family*, she was converted to Christianity in her twenties after reading the life of Saint Teresa of Avila, the 16th century mystic. She entered Carmelite orders in 1933 — deeply shocking her family, who thought she was deserting the Jewish cause — and eventually moved to the Dutch convent where she was arrested.

The Pope believes Edith Stein represents the resistance of the Roman Catholic church to Nazi rule. In 1942, when the Protestant and Catholic churches in Holland heard that the Germans planned mass deportation to the concentration camps, they sent a joint appeal to the German occupation government. The Germans, against all expectations, promised to spare those Jews who had converted to Christianity during the past year; it was a small gesture involving fewer than 2,000 people, but the Reichskomissar Seyss-Inquart cynically calculated that it would guarantee the future silence of the church.

The Catholic hierarchy decided that the appeal should be read out in churches in the form of a pastoral letter to show the Dutch people that the church was resisting the Nazis. The Germans replied by reneging on their promise and Edith Stein was rounded up with several hundred other converts.

For the Vatican that means she was killed out of *odium fidei* — hatred for the church — a condition for martyrdom. But Jews, including her biographer, her brother and senior rabbis, feel that she was killed solely because she



Edith Stein: family and rabbis oppose beatification

was Jewish. A Jewish delegation visited the Vatican last month to explain their case. They said there was nothing specifically Catholic about the fate of Edith Stein; she was a victim of the Jewish holocaust.

Underlying this case is the fear that the Pope is appealing to Jews to convert to Catholicism. Edith Stein's writings include a prayer for the salvation of Jews through Christian conversion. Her niece, Mrs Suzanne Batzdorff, who, unlike other members of the family, will attend the beatification ceremony in Cologne, nevertheless expresses some of the doubts besetting the Jews about the prospect of a Jewish saint: "By becoming a Catholic our aunt had abandoned her people. By entering a cloister she proclaimed her desire to disassociate herself from the Jewish people."

The argument is deeply felt on both sides. For Edith Stein's death — she was gassed on arrival in Auschwitz — is a way of showing that while the church should stay out of politics it should not shy away from the condemnation of totalitarianism and should not be afraid of defending publicly those threatened by political evil. It is, in a way, an answer to the liberation theologians who argue that there is no middle road between acquiescence and active political resistance in the face of a corrupt or unjust regime.

But the controversy is also the direct result of the Pope's policy of beatifying modern figures to show the continuing relevance of faith. The canonization of Saint Maximilian Kolbe — who published anti-semitic writings before the war — and the recent elevation of Spaniards who were killed by leftist Republicans during the Spanish civil war have all proved politically sensitive. The case of Edith Stein represents a similar minefield. The time is still not ripe, it seems, for a modern Jewish saint.

Roger Boyes

Digby Anderson

When only a duel will do

Pierremont Park is the main park in my home town of Broadstairs. There, as a child, I used to play with Teddy Henderson. Sometimes we played pirates but mostly it was cowboys and Indians, and we took the parts in turn: obviously — at least it was obvious at that date — we preferred being cowboys partly because they were the heroes, and partly because Teddy's father had given him exact replica Colt six-shooters in double holsters on a gun belt worn slung low — not so many inches above Teddy's ankles. Only cowboys had revolvers. I got to borrow them when I was the cowboy. Indians had rifles: ours wouldn't shut properly.

Our main problem was Roger Richards. He went to the same school and a conspiracy of mothers insisted that Teddy and I let him play with us. It wasn't so much that Roger was a drip — which he was — but the mothers didn't understand that three can't play cowboys and Indians. All right, you can start off with three parties — sheriffs, outlaws and Indians — but, in the end, two join forces and that's unfair, two against one. Good games, of the Western or pirate sort — I'm not talking about *girls'* games — have only two opposing sides.

Like many chaps, I still enjoy cowboys and even more pirates — I've seen *The Crimson Pirate* 17 times. Contemporary cinema, with its polish and meaning, has nothing on the bit where the pirates swing from one ship to another on those ropes after their captain has first boarded the Dago galleon by swimming to it, cutlass in teeth, and has climbed silently up its terraced stern — the Dagoes, of course, all asleep after an excessive Latin dinner. Other people's dreams are of deep psychological significance. I dream pirates, in colour and shout "avast", "belay" and "take her about, Mr Bosun" in my sleep.

It's a trifle annoying for Mrs Anderson but no more than that. At least I don't play pirates or cowboys and Indians at work. Everyone else does. Everyone in my trade. You can't pick up a report on poverty, crime or health without finding the population allocated into two opposing parties: North and South, the poor and the rich, the healthy and the unhealthy. It's always two groups, never three or four; that would spoil the game. And the groups are always opposing: the poor are poor because the rich are rich, the northerners suffer because of the southerners, the "developing" countries because of the developed. One expects this of Marxism. It has always coerced widely different people into a Scrooge-like dichotomy characterized by mutual opposition.

But now cowboy and Indian sociology is everywhere. Christian activists have adopted it. David Sheppard is addicted to it, be it poor Britain and comfortable Britain or, more recently, the North and the South. It reached new heights in that spaghetti Western, *Faith in the City*. Earlier this year, health became a new cover for gun-fights. Converted from a complex multi-causal matter, it has been rewritten by a spate of reports into a confrontation between rich and poor. But the final straw was the recent internal Metropolitan Police report which said there were two Londons, the affluent suburbs and the deprived inner city.

To give the police their due, they were not quite as stupid as the communists, clerics and healthists. Their report, not published, is said to have asserted that there are "at least" two Londons. But even that is the understatement of the year. It is a matter of the most commonsense observation that the people of our highly diverse society cannot, with any sensitivity, be herded into only two categories; that, insofar as people can be grouped together, these groups are not the simple result of mutual opposition, and that many people move during their lifetime between groups. There are lots of different income groups, inner cities and Londons. And there are as many reasons why people are "poor" or find themselves in "inner cities" as there are for being "rich" or suburban.

Ordinary people know this. So why, as I have asked before in this column, do intellectuals, whose categories should surely be more sophisticated than those of ordinary people, insist on ignoring this, insist on turning the rich moral and social complexity of life into cowboys and Indians, goodies and baddies? Presumably for the same reason Teddy and I played in the park. It's more dramatic fun that way, a better story. Allowing even a third grouping, a Roger Richards, would threaten the game, not in this case because it would upset the balance, but because it would destroy the stark opposition and the opportunity for condemnation of the villain. To admit that most people were not in either extreme class or in opposition would be dull indeed.

Cowboys and Indians sociology is too imprecise to help those people who are genuinely deprived. But the politicos, prelates and pundits like it because it sounds caring and makes dramatic headlines. Next time you hear one of them start up about two nations, the rich and the poor, the inner city and the suburbs, the North and the South, *two of anything*, don't bother to argue. But you might see if a toy revolver or cutlass would keep him quiet.

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Richard Heller

Mail shots bang on target

If the Tories win a third term there is talk of privatizing the postal service. Not before time. The Post Office has exploited its monopoly position for too long. It has made not the slightest attempt to discover what kind of mail its customers would like. Instead it has compelled them to accept things shoddily put together and often a danger to health and safety.

To take one random example, the quality of my post today was a disgrace. One buff envelope from the Inland Revenue containing a mixture of fantasy and insolence culminating in a demand for a sum equivalent to half a day's supply of blue touch paper for a Trident missile.

Plus one white envelope from *Reader's Digest* offering free perusal of *Great Tie Clips of the World*, to be returned only "if not delighted". (Whose delight: mine or theirs?), and one machine-written envelope bidding me to an exclusive auction of flood-damaged liqueurs.

Plus one very expensive envelope containing a glossy council protest against rate-capping. Another very expensive envelope containing glossy council protest, *idem*. Another very expensive envelope containing glossy government propaganda *for* rate-capping.

Plus one machine-written envelope suggesting that I had been selected from over a million people for something or other but spelling my name wrongly. Another machine-written envelope containing an invitation to purchase the right to spend 25 minutes each year at 3 am on November 25 in a time-share villa "under construction" at Torresfolti. One recycled-paper envelope soliciting a contribution to Organic Yogurt-Makers for Peace.

Plus one postcard, ex-Benidorm, obverse depicting sombrero-wearing donkey, reverse carrying the scrawled message "Thinking of You" from unspeakable, yap-dog-owning neighbours.

All over the country people are waking up to or, more likely, coming home from work to, postal rot like that. Post without style. Post which says "Take what you're given". Post fit only for concealment and destruction.

I am therefore pleased to offer *Times* readers an alternative postal service. As a subscriber you will be offered the interception of your mail and its replacement by mail of interest and distinction, the sort of mail you would probably leave about for discovery by intrusive friends, neighbours, colleagues or in-laws. Earn new respect as they peer into your secret life revealed in personal mail hand-tailored for you by a special team of writers, artists and craftspersons.

Three categories are offered: second-class, first-class and post de luxe. Common to all three is the interception service. My agents will nab everything addressed to you and remove any bills, threats, complaints, requests for money, advertisements, religious prophecy or offers of double glazing. All other items will be examined for literary style, typography or penmanship, and felicity of sentiment; those not reaching a high standard in each department will also be removed.

Second-class post subscribers will have guaranteed delivery of a letter from a publishing house requesting an early meeting to discuss "your remarkable adventure novel, based on obvious first-hand experience" *or* a letter from a football club (League Division 2) offering terms *plus* love letter (Grade 3: Affectionate, please state choice of sex) *plus* holiday postcards from Bahia Blanca, Surabaya, Vladivostok, Luang Prabang and Tsitsihar.

First-class subscribers will get the same, with refinements. Your letter is from Hollywood about a screenplay *or* from an advanced nuclear physics laboratory thanking you for "your important corrections" *or* from a football club (top 14, Division 1) offering managership *plus* love letter (Grade 2: Warm, please state choice of sex) *plus* postcards from Mecca, Lhasa, Ultima Thule "looking forward to seeing you".

As a subscriber to Post de Luxe you will receive a letter from the Nobel Committee begging you to "reconsider your decision" on the literature prize *plus* a letter from the Prime Minister (with genuine tearstains) thanking you for making her see the light on economic policy *plus* a letter from the MCC imploring you to open their bowling *plus* love letter (Grade 1: Tendency to Deprave and Corrupt) from selection of monarchs and soap opera stars of both sexes *plus* a postcard from the moon noting how the place has gone down and lost atmosphere since your last visit.

I look forward to hearing from you. Post haste.

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PUBLISH AND BE SAVED

There is now no sensible course for the Government but to end its legal action against the publication of Mr Peter Wright's memoires. The principle behind the court proceedings in Australia has not changed: it is as wrong today for an agent of the security services to break his pledge of secrecy as it was when the first page of Mr Wright's book was written. The motives of the author have not been shown to have changed: we still do not know whether he is cynical or sincere, greedy for money, hungry for fame, or simply passionate to right wrongs.

What has changed is not principle or opinion but fact. The biter has been bitten. Mr Wright, who, whatever his other motives, was set to make money by selling his story to the public he was once paid to serve, has had his story pirated by a newspaper which also hopes to profit by the claim of public service.

The Independent has exercised its freedom to publish and be damned. The deed changes the fact. Mrs Thatcher will be reluctant to give up a fight which is based on so clear an issue of principle. But she is enough of a realist to know when a fight has been fought to its end.

The key parts of Wright's allegations have been released. There is nothing further to be gained by preventing the release of the whole. There may also be something to be lost. If the Government still believes that there are details in the book which would prejudice specific aspects of current British security, it can raise them with Mr Wright's lawyers — who have previously shown themselves amenable in this regard — before they are forced to face the Government's appeal.

The matter does not, however, end there. The clear principle upon which the Government fought will have been overturned in this specific case by a rival principle of public interest upon which Mr Wright and his publishers claimed to act. This may bring some benefits. It is unlikely to be without cost.

There are now three main areas of concern. The first is the Wright allegations themselves and the Government's response to them. There is the possibility that some 20 years ago a small group of MI5 officers were conspiring to damage the government of Mr Harold Wilson. There is the possibility that this has been much exaggerated by Wright.

There is the possibility that Mrs Thatcher, suspecting that there was truth in the allegations, has done nothing towards repairing the damage and preventing a recurrence. Against that there is the certainty that, if Mrs Thatcher has taken the necessary action against corruption in MI5, she will say nothing about what she has done.

The second point at issue concerns the motives of those who have brought the publication about. The Government has expended its political capital in a cause that is right. It has been defeated in its aims by a combination of those who seek their own financial ends, those who seek their own political ends, and those whose appreciation of their freedom to challenge their government may have become blunted.

The final question concerns the future relations between government and security service. Every British Prime Minister has his or her own pact with the security chiefs. So, albeit less clearly, does every generation of British electors. Those pacts are based on the principle of licence within limits. However much the Labour Party may bluster about accountability such arrangements will have to operate under any democratic government now and in the future.

Mr Wright and his publishers will inevitably have an impact on the way that the necessary degree of confidence between the security services and their political masters is to be recreated. The Opposition is calling for an inquiry into the allegations. The Government would be wrong to resist it further.

Mrs Thatcher has to recognise the need to clear the air. The need for a security service that is secure, whose members abide by their contract of employment and whose chiefs have a relationship of trust with their elected government is paramount. It is to be hoped that this outcome is not further away as a result of this week's events.

The motto now should be: publish and be saved. Withdrawing the legal action will prove that there are no other skeletons in Mr Wright's cupboard. An inquiry will help to test his evidence and restore the confidence that has been damaged by the whole sorry debacle.

THE INELIGIBLE PRESIDENT

Well before Dr Kurt Waldheim won the Austrian presidential election last year, there were moves to ensure that — even if he became a head of state — he would not be allowed to enter the United States. Such was the feeling aroused against him in America by the newspaper allegations about his wartime service in a Balkan region where, as well as atrocities against partisans, there were deportations of Jews to a concentration camp.

It looked as if, not just in the United States, a President Waldheim would be *persona non grata* in effect, if not avowedly. The view was widely taken that, even if the diplomatic niceties were observed, a coldness might prevail which would cramp Austria's diplomatic style — and indeed should. This is what has now happened, except that it is more than just a coldness. Dr Waldheim is to be placed on a "watch list" and barred from entering the United States as a private citizen.

That decision was taken by the Justice Department after a long inquiry into the allegations against Dr Waldheim. A spokesman for the department said that the evidence established a *prima facie* case that Dr Waldheim was associated with or otherwise participated "in the persecution of persons because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion". His name, the spokesman added, should therefore go on the list of barred persons "as required by the law".

The president of a friendly state is therefore to be treated as if he were a criminal or an undesirable alien. Technically, the ban applies to him only in his private capacity, not as the holder of his country's highest office. More technically still, he can enter the United States as Austrian head of state if invited by the American government. These are distinctions without a difference. The fact is the Austrian head of state cannot now get past the American immigration authorities.

It is an unprecedented snub to a country with which the United States has long enjoyed good relations. Naturally, many Austrians — probably a majority — are outraged. But if they had wanted to avoid such humiliating treatment of their head of state, they should not have elected him. They made their choice. They must now take the inevitable consequences.

It has never been proved that Dr Waldheim was involved in war crimes. The Justice Department has not proved it now. Probably, like most of his countrymen, he knew about them, but preferred not to know too much. His story is that of most Germans and Austrians of his generation. Few of their consciences can be clear. But most of them are not important enough to attract allegations about their past from foreigners.

Once those allegations had been made against Dr Waldheim, his conduct was not that of a man who had nothing to hide. When asked, for example, why his memoirs contained no mention of his service in the Balkans, he replied that it would have been too boring.

But is the United States morally justified in keeping him out? Very many heads of state across the world have been involved "in the persecution of persons because of race, religion, national origin or political opinion". Some are enemies of the United States, some allies. Some — such as China or a reformed Soviet Union of the future — are powers which were originally enemies, but no longer see it as being in their interests to remain so. And very many of them have heads of state with dark pasts. A democracy such as the United States cannot avoid dealing with such people.

In his youth Dr Waldheim saw service in a dreadful cause which was comprehensively beaten in 1945 (Nazism, or German expansionism). It is therefore safe to humiliate him, and safe to placate American public opinion by doing so. Dr Waldheim no longer has any divisions. He and Austria have brought the humiliation upon themselves. But the action of the United States should not be clothed in the garb of morality. The United States would have to receive Dr Waldheim if his country were still powerful.

A TIMELY CUT

To give is better than to receive — and never more so from the Government's point of view than when an election is in the offing. Yesterday's cut in interest rates will not do the Conservatives any harm in next week's local elections. And there is a good chance of a further half point cut in rates before the general election.

Whatever the politics of the timing, there are solid economic and financial reasons for bringing interest rates down. To have cut interest rates in any other circumstances would have been foolhardy. The Government is evidently confident that the underlying position is sufficiently strong that markets will quickly shrug off any temporary uncertainty such as next week's local elections may cause.

That view was certainly given plenty of support by the latest CBI Quarterly Industrial Trends Survey published yesterday. Described by the CBI as one of the most optimistic for many years, the survey shows manufacturers winning new orders faster than at any time in the last decade, exports rising and further gains in output expected. Manufacturing output is expected to accelerate from 3.6 per cent growth in the first quarter to 4.1 per cent in the second though manufacturing employment will not expand but merely fall at a slower rate.

Today's buoyancy has much to do with the painful shedding of surplus labour and the rapid increase in productivity which resulted. It also shows that industry is taking advantage of the increased competitiveness from last year's devaluation of the pound. What industry wants now, says the CBI, is not a further devaluation which would remove the discipline on pay increases, nor a further rise in sterling which would handicap industry in export markets. It looks for confidence that the exchange rate will stay roughly where it is.

This aim coincides with the Government's monetary objectives. Yesterday's cut in interest rates merely underlined the extent to which the money supply has been abandoned in favour of the exchange rate as the prime indicator of monetary conditions.

Sterling remains strong. Not only has it decoupled itself from a weakening dollar, but it has been rising intermittently against the Deutschmark. Given the importance of Britain's trade with Europe, the sterling/DM rate is now the most important single indicator on the Bank of England's instrument panel.

What we are seeing is a cautious re-rating of Britain in the eyes of the rest of the world. Yesterday's cut in interest rates shaves another half per cent off the differential between rates in Britain and elsewhere. Until recently this was thought necessary in order to offset the uncertainties which other countries saw in Britain's circumstances. If markets can be persuaded to retain that recently established confidence, the economy will benefit considerably.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welfare and the 'alternative lifestyle'

From the Director of the Drake Fellowship

Sir, In your leader today, April 25, you comment on the case for stopping the payment of social security benefit to "16 – 18 year olds not in full time education who refuse to take up available jobs or go on training courses". You continue to state that "there is rarely anything in the 'alternative lifestyle' chosen by a minority of the young that can be ascribed to bad luck".

I am the director of a national charity working solely to motivate and train unemployed young people from our inner cities. Your leader does not reflect the daily reality my staff face.

They work with young people who have no concept of what is expected of them by society. The majority are starved of love, education, training and discipline. Many will have turned, in boredom and despair, to drugs and crime.

To say that this cannot be ascribed to "bad luck" is to deny the bitter circumstances of their daily lives, and the fundamental weaknesses in a society where there is a general deterioration in morality, education and behaviour.

In order to rescue these young people it is essential to gain their trust and respect. Far too many of those with whom the Drake Fellowship works lack the support of a caring family, and regard all adults with suspicion and distrust.

By capturing a disillusioned young person's imagination, by creating opportunities for success where before there has only been failure and rejection, and by establishing respect between individuals, one can achieve remarkable results, even with the most hostile and alienated youth.

In the debate on the case for *making the payment of benefit* conditional on some form of work contribution, I trust that the Government and others will accept that there are young people who live an "alternative lifestyle" not through choice, but through ignorance, and that the causes of this ignorance are largely created by the society in which we live.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
D. JAMES, Director,
The Drake Fellowship,
10 Trinity Square, EC3.

From Mr Ray Hurst

Sir, Where is the evidence that unemployed young people in large numbers are choosing to receive supplementary benefit rather than enter work or the Youth Training Scheme? There are currently 328,000 young people participating voluntarily in YTS, the great majority placed into the scheme by the local authority careers service following proper counselling and advice free from threats.

This total is almost 50,000 higher than a year ago. So far as "real" job vacancies are concerned, the Government's own statistics show only 13,200 vacancies (February, 1987) notified at careers offices in Great Britain, almost 60 per cent of which were in the South-east region. In the same month there were 150,000 registered unemployed young people aged under 18.

The success of the Government's youth training scheme has been due largely to the support it has received form the community generally, especially employers, trade unions, voluntary bodies and local authorities. The continuing voluntary participation of young people, without coercion, in the scheme is vital.

To undermine the present cooperation by the introduction of unnecessary measures, such as depriving unemployed young people of their right to claim benefit, would be most damaging to the image of YTS which the careers *service in particular has done so* much to enhance.

Yours faithfully,
RAY HURST,
39 Corporation Road,
Redcar, Cleveland.

Maze inquiry

From HM Chief Inspector of Prisons

Sir, Your correspondent reported on April 17 (early editions) certain criticisms alleged to have been made of me by a Belfast court for refusing to hand over statements made by witnesses during my inquiry into the Maze escape — statements which, it was said, were being sought by the DPP as part of the Crown case against 21 men accused in connection with the escape.

This matter has been the subject of discussion between officials in my office and the DPP's office for some months and is now *sub judice*, so I hope you will understand that I cannot comment freely. But may I make it clear first, that the statements were not required to support the Crown case. Nor have the Home Secretary or the Attorney-General asked me to release them.

The statements were in fact made following an undertaking at the inquiry that witnesses could speak in confidence, and that their evidence would not be published. I am bound to honour that undertaking.

The value of inquiries undertaken by HM Inspectorate, be it the Maze inquiry or that on which I am now engaged, into last year's prison disturbances, depends in the last resort on public confidence: that can only be maintained if we remain — and are seen to remain — free from pressure and direction, from whatever source.

So long as I have been head of the Inspectorate this has, to their credit, always been well understood by successive home secretaries and secretaries of state for Northern Ireland.

I have already suggested one avenue by which some or all of these statements might be made available to the court: it is to ask witnesses if they would agree to their evidence being disclosed, thus releasing me from my undertaking. This avenue is still open.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES HENNESSY,
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons,
50 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

Broader curriculum

From Mr A. D. C. Peterson

Sir, The Vice-Chancellor of York University (feature, April 15) is surely right that a national curriculum presents a last chance to reform the premature and excessive specialisation of our sixth forms. But he may be a little over-cautious in estimating the adjustments to university admission procedures and course content which would be immediately required by a substantial experiment on the lines of the International Baccalaureate.

More than 1,000 students, most of them British from schools in this country, have already entered our universities with this qualification — LSE, Oxford, Sussex and Cambridge each having had more than 100. Recent meetings with admissions officers both in England and Scotland confirm that they do not find difficulty in starting on existing courses, even of the single subject variety.

Nor is there any evidence that their first degree results are inferior to those of the average A-level entrant. Of 440 entering between 1971 and 1983, whose BA or BSc results are known, 10 per cent got firsts, 31 per cent upper seconds, 36 per cent lower seconds and 12 per cent thirds or ordinary.

I am pretty sure that this compares well with the record of A-level entrants. But then swotting for three A-levels on either the arts or the science side may not be the most stimulating preparation for higher education.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. C. PETERSON,
107a Hamilton Terrace, NW8.

Vietnamese refugees

From the Chairman of the British Refugee Council

Sir, You report (Spectrum, April 22) that the Home Office is still considering whether Britain will take in another 1,000 Vietnamese refugees. In August last year the programme which brings Vietnamese refugees from the camps in Hong Kong to join their close relatives already living in Britian was interrupted. The Government decided to review it.

In October I had a meeting with the Minister responsible, Mr David Waddington, who assured me that the review was under way and a decision would be made "soon". On January 6 you published a sympathetic leader on the subject.

Since then there have been several indications that a decision, to be taken at Cabinet level, was "imminent". Yet nothing has been announced.

Meanwhile, the families in Hong Kong and Britain, most of whom have been apart for ten years, wait anxiously for the chance to be together again. The people of Hong Kong also look forward to a positive decision which would undoubtedly stimulate offers of more places for Vietnamese refugees in Australia and other countries, thereby reducing the numbers in Hong Kong's camps.

May I ask the Government, through your columns, to make the reunion of these shattered families a top priority, now that the Easter break is over.

Yours faithfully,
CHITNIS, Chairman,
British Refugee Council,
Bondway House,
3/9 Bondway, SW8.
April 23.

Rushing into print

From Mr Roger Baker

Sir, Mr Tom Stacey (April 17) may have no end of trouble with the printers in the hills and fens of England, but if he came down to South (pronounced "Sarf") London, he might find companies capable, on a damp Wednesday, of knocking the Germans and Japanese into a cocked hat.

His problem is not that he deals with English companies, but that he deals with *large* English companies. The capacity of most of the smaller London houses is quite sufficient to meet the needs of Mr Stacey, and he'd suffer none of the mucking about which seems to be an inherent feature of employing more than 40 souls.

This company doesn't go late, ever. Quotations take two hours at the very most. And Mr Stacey might end up with several hundred copies above the number ordered by him; but the invoice would be for the basic order, with no extras added.

It is, surely, the same throughout British industry: small is beautiful, large is a disaster.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER BAKER,
Managing Director,
Field Brothers (London) Ltd,
Old Works, Windmill Road,
Croydon, Surrey.

A reference in yesterday's letter from Mr James Sherr to ground-launched cruise missiles should have read: "unlike submarine-launched weapons, they are flexible, accurate and responsive".

Sexual conduct and security

From the Master of Churchill College

Sir, I am horrified by the attitude to the hypothetical link between Sir Maurice Oldfield's homosexuality and a security risk displayed widely, not least in your leading article (April 24).

Surely security disasters have far more often resulted from heterosexual conduct (need one mention Mata Hari or James Bond's fictional but not unrealistic adventures?), or real or imagined security risks from heterosexual liaisons. (Delicacy forbids me to refer to the parliamentary history of the last few decades). Singling out homosexual conduct serves no purpose except to work off people's prejudices.

Rightly, attention in this case (as in heterosexual ones in the past) has centred on the lying that has occurred. The powerful incentive not to tell the truth arises precisely from the perpetuation of outworn prejudices, a perpetuation to which the media treatment in this, as in other (usually heterosexual) cases powerfully contributes.

The rate of incidence of occasions of this type shows that changes of attitude are needed to avoid security risks, unless we take the drastic step of confining sensitive positions to eunuchs.

Yours faithfully,
HERMANN BONDI, Master,
Churchill College, Cambridge.
April 24.

Judging the media

From Mr Charles Samek

Sir, The Lord Chancellor speaks of the necessity to uphold "the impartiality of the judiciary" in the face of "uninformed media comment tantamount to mob rule". But it is not clear how the latter impinges in any way on the former (report, April 16).

Normally what is meant by impartiality in this context, is the judiciary's being free from political (not popular) pressures and its having regard only to the law of the land. If this is what he means by the term, he has not made this clear.

Media criticism is not directed against the servants of the law, the judiciary, but the law itself and in this there is nothing wrong. It is inherent in the nature of democracies that questions are asked and criticism directed. But the Lord Chancellor, one suspects, has confused respect for the law (which is not under attack) with criticism of the law where it is found wanting. If he is not guilty of this confusion then his remarks are all the more troubling.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES SAMEK,
Oriel College, Oxford.
April 18.

Sailing by

From Dr Eric Chamberlain

Sir, I have a framed print of the illustration that accompanies your article, "The British Obsession"(April 16). It is entitled "The Old Windmill & Belle Vue". In the foreground, on the child's toy wagon, is written "Gravesend". The print is signed "D. W. Friston".

Family tradition has it that the windmill was a well known navigational landmark in Victorian Gravesend and that my mother-in-law, who gave us the print, worked as a cook at the adjoining Belle Vue Hotel. If so, I can vouch that the food would have been excellent. Tradition also has it that her work there ended abruptly on Mafeking night, 1900, when both the windmill and the hotel burnt down.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC CHAMBERLAIN,
13 The Avenue,
Northwood, Middlesex.

Silent but deadly

From Mr Gordon Norwood

Sir, Mr Maxtone Graham (April 16) lists two instances of bows being issued to HM Forces in recent years. There is a further instance.

In 1942–43 bows, and arrows with incendiary heads, were issued to commandos operating in Africa. When the arrow struck its objective, such as a native hut or straw thatch, the match-head striker ignited by friction and fired an incendiary device. These arrows were used with deadly effect.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
your obedient servant,
GORDON NORWOOD,
51 Wish Road,
Hove, East Sussex.

Titled ladies

From Mr G. Cuttle

Sir, You expressed surprise in *The Times* Diary today (April 22) that three out of four secretaries prefer to be called by some other title, such as "administrative assistant".

The reason is obvious to those familiar with large organisations. Salary scales relate to job description, and "secretary" scales have rigid upper limits. To cheat the system it is necessary to have a title with more flexible bounds, and those you quoted are typical.

Those secretaries who succeed in acquiring the new titles very rarely take on any extra tasks that they did not do before (good secretaries have always been the unsung administrative backbones of organisations), but gradually over time take advantage of their new status to shed those tasks which they find tedious.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CUTTLE,
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Woking, Surrey.
April 22.

In praise of aunts

From Mr H. W. Winter

Sir, Mr David Conway's search (April 24) for an "aunt-ish" adjective was anticipated as long ago as 1823 by W(illiam?) Taylor, who came up with "materteral"; M. Collins followed, 51 years later, with "materterine".However, neither of these solutions may fit the occasion, being perhaps hardly elegant enough to convey affectionate gratitude; the edition of the *OED* in which they both appear brands them as "humorously pedantic". Furthermore, they are inappropriate in this case, since the Latin *matertera* was a mother's sister, not a father's.

It is an interesting sidelight that, among the Romans, while an uncle was "little grandfather" *(av-unculus)*, no such affectionate diminutive appears to have been available for an aunt. What is more, it would thus seem that maternal uncles were regarded as more kindly than paternal, since the complementary word for a father's brother, *patruus*, could be used with connotations of severity.

If Mr Conway is willing to consider a neologism, I could suggest "amital" (a father's sister was *amita)*. Its lack of precedent may perhaps be offset by its greater accuracy and by its apparent (though spurious) connection with ideas of friendliness.

Yours truly,
HERBERT WINTER,
Wakefield House,
King Edward's School, Witley,
Godalming, Surrey.
April 24.

From Mr Richard Need

Sir, What's wrong with "auntly"? Short, respectable, precise and pleasant — like most of my aunts, in fact.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEED,
49 Bonner Hill Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 29 1949

The high prices recently paid for his canvases have reflected the standing of Sir Alfred Munnings (1878-1959) as one of the finest painters of animals — particularly horses. Unfortunately he had little time for those who could not see art as he did, and he was implacably hostile to modern art

THE ACADEMY BANQUET

"FOOLISH DROLLERY" IN MODERN ART

At the Royal Academy banquet at Burlington House last night, Sir Alfred Munnings, P.R.A., presided. Among the speakers were the Duke of Gloucester, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker. Although officially described as a dinner and not a banquet, its revival as a banquet seemed to have been taken for granted by the guests.

The DUKE of GLOUCESTER referred to the many events which had taken place since the last occasion on which a banquet had been held there 10 years ago. He complimented the academy for keeping the flag flying over Burlington House during the war years.

... LORD GODDARD, the Lord Chief Justice, said the war had led to the destruction of many things we admired and loved. Reconstruction was slow, austerity was still the rule by day and night, but the fact that the Royal Academy had been able to restore that pleasant evening was a matter of sincere congratulation.

SPEECH INTERRUPTED

During the evening many of the speeches were made almost inaudible by a heavy downpour of rain which drummed on the glass roof of the banqueting hall.

The ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY, Dr. Fisher, said he was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to hold the office of Chaplain to the Royal Academy, a great institution that had maintained and encouraged in this country the profession of the arts and of painting and sculpture. Referring to Mr. Churchill, he described him as a great commoner and a great amateur of painting.

SIR ALFRED MUNNINGS said that he was glad that there were people who regarded Reynolds as greater than Picasso. Some people said there must be something in this modern art and these young jugglers must be given a show. Personally, he would regard their work as violent blows at nothing. He went on to describe recent exhibits of statuary at the L.C.C. exhibition at Battersea Park as "foolish drollery", and said that some people were disgusted and angered by them. Similarly some people had been equally affected by the work of the Madonna and Child in a church at Northampton. Sir Alfred Munnings went on to refer to the work of Matisse, at which there were some interruptions. He then remarked that he heard members interrupting him at the other end of the room. He had the right to speak and would remind them that he would not be heard next year.

STRONG VIEWS

Mr. CHURCHILL said that no one could doubt that their president held strong views (laughter). It was fitting that a President of the Royal Academy should have a properly pronounced opinion and he congratulated him on having revived the banquet. Everything should be done in this country to make sure that art should not lack the constant and steady support of an organized and developing intellectual society.

Art should be sustained by all the resources of the nation. We could not afford, he added, amid cheers, to lower any flag at the present time. We must keep them all flying . . .

walls. Mr Barkshire said yesterday that he had contemplated all the stories with fascination, and said the changing of the-structure con-

than follow the stock market. Mr Lake's researches show that in the last 22 years it has been wrong to sell in May on

"There's a Mr Mickey Mouse from the Bank of England . . ."

Kay

closedown.

approaches New York City.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 28: By command of The Queen, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Ronald Sanders at 15 Thayer Street, W1, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda in London.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips arrived at Waverley Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Dr John McKay, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, escored by the General Manager, Scotrail (Mr J. Cornell), subsequently named a locomotive "Woman's Child".

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended the Centenary Annual Meeting of the Church of Scotland Woman's Guild at the Assembly Hall, the Mound, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Righ Hon the Lord Provost, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (the Right Reverend Professor Robert Craig) and the National President of the Guild (Mrs May Smith).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips later left Royal Air Force Turnhouse in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for London.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Corps of Signals, this evening attended a Band Concert and Reception at Goldsmiths' Hall and afterwards was entertained at dinner by Members of the Corps.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Master of Signals (Major-General J.M.W. Badcock).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 28: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at the Preview of the HMS Ark Royal film *Offshore Island* at the Odeon Cinema, Marble Arch.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present at the Memorial Service for Mr Henry J. Heinz II which was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, this morning.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness opened the Exhibition "Metropolitan Man — The Londoner", sponsored by the Chase Manhattan Bank, at the Museum of London, London Wall, this evening.

The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was this afternoon entertained to tea by the Governors and Residents of Crosby Hall to mark the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee at Cheyne Walk, SW3.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President, this morning visited the Royal School, Bath and opened the new Sixth Form Building. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the new General Hospital in Weston-super-Mare.

The Duchess of Gloucester, who was attended by Mrs Michael Wigley, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant-Colonel J.C. Gunnell on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel P.G. Bibbey on relinquishing the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 28: Princess Alexandra, Patron, was present this afternoon at a Reception given for representatives from the United Kingdom Regions and Branches of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust at Claridge's, London.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Angus Oglivy at the Memorial Service for Mr Henry J. Heinz II which was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, this morning.

Princess Anne attended a concert given by the band of The Royal Corps of Signals at Goldsmiths' Hall yesterday to mark the tenth anniversary of her appointment as Colonel-in-Chief. Major-General J.M.W. Badcock, Master of Signals, and Major-General P.D. Alexander, Signal Officer-in-Chief, were among others present.

The Emperor of Japan celebrates his birthday today.

A memorial service for Mr David Watt will be held at St James's, Piccadilly, at noon on Monday, May 11.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will arrive at Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 10.50; and will attend a *children's party on board the* Queen Elizabeth 2 at sea.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will visit the Institute of Archaeology during their jubilee celebrations at 9.30; and, as Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will visit the offices of the institute at 80 Portland Place, W1, at 10.55; later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will visit Hampton Court House, East Molesey, Surrey, the fund's centre for Vietnamese children, at 3.30.

Princess Margaret will preside at the annual council meeting of the NSPCC at Queen Elizabeth Hall at 11.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Blood Fractionation Factory at Elstree, at 2.30.

Reception

Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society
The Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora Souza E. Silva and Mr J.R. Monroy, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society, were the guests of honour at a reception held at Holiday Inn Hotel, Swiss Cottage, yesterday after a concert given at St John's, Smith Square, sponsored by Justerini and Brooks Limited, Air Portugal, and Lloyds Bank plc, to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Heitor Villa-Lobos.

Among those present were:
The High Commissioner for Ghana, the Ambassador of China, the Venezuelan Ambassador and Señora de Salcedo, the Ambassador of Mexico, the Ambassador of Costa Rica and Señora Fioria de Marten, the Ambassador of Korea, the Ambassador of Panama, the Ambassador of Gabon, the Ambassador of Togo and Mme A. Kafui Agbenou, the High Commissioner for The Gambia, the High Commissioner for Barbados.

Senhor Luiz Paulo Sette (Minister-Counsellor, Political and Cultural Affairs at the Brazilian Embassy), with Senhor Synesio Sampaio Goes Filho (Minister-Counsellor, Economic and Administrative Affairs), Senhor Luiz Carlos de Oliveira Feldman (Counsellor, Cultural Attaché), Senhor Frederico Cezar de Araujo (Counsellor Administrative Affairs), Senhor Ricardo Luiz Viana de Carvalho (Counsellor, Commercial Affairs), and Senhor Otto Agripino Maia (Minister, Consular Affairs).

Professor Dionisio Johnson (Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Panama), Mr Jorgen Anker Nielsen (Minister-Counsellor (Press and Cultural Affairs), Danish Embassy), Dr Ilke E. Brahn (Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany), M. Christophe Philibert (First Secretary, French Embassy) and Mme Philibert, Señora Ximena Martinez de Perez (Minister, Charge d'Affairs), Embassy of Ecuador), Dr Ricardo Sanger (Minister-Counsellor (Charge d'Affairs) Colombian Embassy), Dr Jose Luis Remedi (Counsellor, Uruguayan Embassy), Mr Ingmar Ström (Counsellor, Embassy of Finland), Dr Henryk Zielek (Counsellor (Cultural Affairs) Embassy of Poland) and Mrs Zielek, Mr Tio Mitrotic (Counsellor, Press and Cultural Affairs) Embassy of Yugoslavia) and Mrs Mitrotic, Signor Mario Fugazzola (First Counsellor, Press and Publicity Affairs) Italian Embassy) and Signora Fugazzola, Mr Carlos Zavaleta (Minister-Counsellor for Cultural Affairs, Peruvian Embassy) and Mrs Zavaleta, Mr G. Fedosov (Cultural Attaché, Soviet Embassy) and Mrs Fedosov, Mr W. Henry (First Secretary, High Commission for Guyana) and Mr Jack Deasy (Second Secretary, American Embassy).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.A. Blakes
and Miss J.M. Halsey
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Blakes, of Wyton, Huntingdon, and Jo, elder daughter of the Rev A.M.J. and Mrs Halsey, of Canford Magna, Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr J.W. Burns
and Miss S.A. Eyre
The engagement is announced between Jonathan William, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Burns, of Great Hallingbury, Essex, and Sally Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.H. Eyre, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.R. Cox
and Miss K.N. Sherwood-King
A service of blessing will be held on June 20 at All Saints Church, Fulham, London, SW6, after the marriage on June 19 of Marcus Ronald Westerby Cox and Karen Nicola Sherwood-King.

Mr P.J. Davies
and Miss J.S. Prentice
The engagement is announced between Philip James, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Davies, of Bromley, Kent, and Julia Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.G. Prentice, of Bathford, Bath.

Lieutenant D.S. Deighton, RN
and Miss A.L.C. Adams
The engagement is announced between Derek, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Deighton, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Lesley, daughter of Mr A.D.D. Adams, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Mrs E.R. Adams, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr N.C. Deterding
and Miss E.S. Dollar
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mrs James Deterding, of Kelling Hall, Holt, Norfolk, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dollar, of Warfield, Berkshire.

Mr W.R. Edward
and Miss C.S. Gee
The engagement is announced between William Robert, son of Lieutenent- Commander and Mrs R.W Edward, of Netherton House, Marston Magna, and Caroline Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Gee, of Ayres House, Wales, Queen Camel, Somerset.

Mr M.R. Edwards
and Miss S.E. Swallow
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs W.R. Edwards, of West End, Hampshire and Sally, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs N.D.V. Swallow, of Olney, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.A. Findlay
and Miss V.A.C. Laing
The engagement is announced between James Anthony, eldest son of Mr John Findlay, of Carnel, Kilmarnock, and Mrs Eira Drysdale, of Ralia, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire, and Venetia Alexandra Cayetana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Laing, of Northfields House, Turweston, Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mr A.J.B. Gardner
and Miss A.J. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Gardner, of The Mount, Birchanger, Essex, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Stewart, of London SW10.

Mr O.C. St J. Hoare
and Miss M.L. Scott
The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Michael Hoare, of Great Horkesley, Essex, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C. Scott, of Sutton-cum-Lound, Nottinghamshire.

Mr C.T. Holland
and Miss R.M. McCabe
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs D.C Holland, of Hartfield, Sussex, and Rachael, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. McCabe, of Ash, near Canterbury, Kent

Mr S.R. Weiss
and Miss C.N. Franzman
The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs M. Weiss, of Hampstead, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Franzman, of Roydon, Essex.

Mr J. Hopkins
and Miss A. Bruce
The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and Mrs Christopher Hopkins, of Wangford, Suffolk, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bruce, of Churchinford, Taunton, Somerset.

Mr A.F.D. Letts
and Miss M.J. Valades-Marques
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs R.F.B. Letts, of Oakley Hall, Cirencester, and Melinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Valades-Marques, of Stanford, Lincolnshire.

Captain R.D.C. Moate, RAMC
and Miss V.H.F.M. Doche
The engagement is announced between Daniel, eldest son of Mr J.C. Moate and the late Mrs A.D.J. Moate, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Virginie, daughter of M J.M. Doche and Mme J. Bonnor, of Bordeaux, France.

Mr C.J. Tye
and Miss D.L. Ebsworth
The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of Mr and Mrs J. Tye, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Diana Lucy, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs E.A.V. Ebsworth, of Edingburgh.

Mr S.J. Pryor
and Miss N.S. Shelmerdine
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Commander J.S.N. Pryor, of Snape, Suffolk, formerly of Wellington, Somerset, and the late Mrs Pryor, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Shelmerdine, of Stockland, Devon.

Mr N. Spencer
and Miss G. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of the late Mr E.D. Spencer and Mrs R.L. Spencer, of Retford, and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.B. Thomas, of Geeston, near Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr M.I. Phelps
and Miss F.J. Levey
The engagement is announced between Mark Ivor, only son of the late Dr I.E. Phelps and Mrs M. Phelps, of Ewell, Surrey, and Fiona Justine, only daughter of the Rev C.R. Levey, of Elmley Lovett, Worcestershire, and Mrs J.P Levey, of Halstead, Kent.

Mr P.W. Homerstone
and Miss A.M. McMillan
The engagement is announced between Philip William, elder son of the late Mr Charles Homerstone and Mrs M.C. Homerstone, of Orpington, Kent, and Amanda Melita, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas McMillan, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

Mr W.E. Whitehorn
and Miss L.M. Farquhar
The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr Donald Whitehorn, and Mrs Johnston Chambers, and Louise, younger daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander Peter Farquhar and Mrs Peter Farquhar, of Edinburgh.

Marriage

Mr C.N. Yaxley
and Miss A.C. Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 25, at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, in the City of London, of Mr Charles Nicholas Yaxley, son of Mr and Mrs John Yaxley, of Hong Kong, and Miss Amanda Charlotte Russell, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Waycyn Lewis. The Rev David Burgess officiated assisted by Canon Robert Yaxley.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Katharine Russell, Emily Symington, Clea Hawkes, Nicola Peel, Barnaby Wrightson, James Wrightson and James Tonry. Mr Timothy Marlow and Mr Simon Marlow were best men.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 56; Miss Brenda Dean, trades unionist, 44; Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 57; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 63; Sir John Llewellyn, former director-general, British Council, 72; Mr Rod McKuen, poet, 54; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 51; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 69; the Hon Jacob Rothschild, chairman, J. Rothschild Holdings, 51; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, conductor, 82; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 58; Mr David Tindle, painter, 55; Mr Fred Zinneman, film director, 80.

OBITUARY

M ROBERT FAVRE LE BRET

Architect of the Cannes Film Festival

M Robert Favre Le Bret, who died in Switzerland yesterday at the age of 82, was the founder of the Cannes Film Festival, and the architect of its rise to a position of pre-eminence among the world's film showcases.

His stewardship of the festival, set up by the French government in 1946 to challenge the Venice festival, was a long one. He was its its délégué général (director) from 1946 to 1971, and thereafter kept a close eye on it as president until 1984. Since then he had been honorary president.

During his reign the *ton* of the festival was established: its sense of excitement, its penchant for generating scandals, and the impression it increasingly gave of being able to "make" the fortune of any film which received one of its accolades.

Robert Favre Le Bret was born in Paris on August 25, 1904, and began his working life as a journalist on *Le Temps*. From 1939 he worked in France's commissariat for tourism and artistic expansion.

When the Cannes festival was conceived by the French government after the war, he was appointed its first director, and oversaw its birth on the site of the Casino d'Hiver. At first it was a small affair, though, from the outset, it never lacked glamour. Parades of filmstars glittered nightly under floodlights and flashbulbs, stopping the traffic.

With *nouvelle vague* came exotic gesture. Jean-Luc Godard got a *custard pie in his* face as he entered his press conference - a token of protest from one of the faithless.

Scandal and the festival were indivisible; but in spite of the increasing hordes of prostitutes of both sexes nightly lining the Croisette, most of this concerned the content of the films themselves.

Thus Antonioni's *L'Avventura*, was practically hissed off the screen - but made the director's name; and Marco Verreri's *Grande Bouffe*, with its implication that what had happened in the fascist world of *120 Days of Sodom* might easily be repeated in contemporary consumer society, outraged middle-class sensibilities.

Strangely, the *éminence grise* behind all this was a somewhat retiring figure of extreme, almost old-world courtesy. He habitually dressed in that English style of tweeds and brogues which the French regard as the acme of fashion for men.

But though the Cannes festival became the world's premier market place for films, Le Bret always hankered back to its earlier days, when both films and stars were shrouded in romance. In a film, his own preference was for poetry of content as opposed to technical prowess.

LT-COL J. W. RICHARDSON

Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Richardson, who died at his home in Andorra on March 25, at the age of 87, was one of the first men in this country to fly rotary-winged aircraft, both the *autogiro* and its successor, the helicopter.

John William Richardson was born on October 8, 1899, and went to Harrow and Sandhurst, but was commissioned only in time for the end of the First World War, and left the Army in 1920.

For the next nine years he ran an orange farm in South Africa, but came back to England in 1929 and became involved in the development of autogiros, being undertaken by Juan de la Cierva's company.

As a pilot he was unusual in beginning his career on rotary-winged aircraft, rather than converting from fixed-wing types; and in 1933 he got the first "B" (commercial) licence to be issued to an autogiro pilot.

When war came again, he was recalled to the army, and in 1943 he was attached to the RAF for duties with its only squadron of rotary-winged aircraft, No 529. This operated the Avro Rota (basically, a licence-built Cierva C30) on liaison work and radar calibration trials.

The coming of the helicopter, with its powered rotary wing, signalled the end for the autogiro, whose "windmilling" rotor relied on good wind-speed to give it a near-vertical take-off.

Richardson therefore went to America, where helicopter trials were making great strides, and became the first British Army officer to qualify as a helicoper pilot, in 1944.

After the war he continued with various air liaison duties and was Army Assistant to the director of military aircraft research from 1951 to 1954, when he retired.

He then joined Westland where he stayed until 1962, and played an important role in persuading the government to build the first London heliport at Battersea.

A keen Alpine skier, Richardson raced in Switzerland in the 1930s, and was a founder and active member of the Downhill Only Club at Wengen.

SIR DAVID EVANS

Sir David Evans, OBE, sometime Keeper of Public Records, died on April 23. He was 93.

He was a records man of the old school whose saw it as his job to make documents readily available to scholars, at whose disposal he also placed his own expertise.

David Lewis Evans was born on August 14, 1893, a clergyman's son. He was educated at Bridgend County School; University College of Wales, Aberystwyth; and at Jesus College, Oxford.

He was commissioned lieutenant in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1915 and served for the remainder of the war in France and Belgium, being mentioned in despatches.

In 1921 he entered the Public Records Office, and just before the war he was put in charge of the record rooms and of the repair of documents. His first pressing task was to organize the large-scale evacuation of the records.

Evans travelled all over London in search of a suitable home for the documents, settling on hospital wards and, for the Domesday Book, Shepton Mallet Gaol, where he found the humidity to be correct.

It was an operation which involved the movement of the contents of some 20 miles of shelving; but throughout the move not a single document was lost or rendered even temporarily inaccessible to examination.

After the war he effected the successful return of the documents to Chancery Lane, driving in an unmarked van (so as not to attract attention to himself) to Shepton Mallet to fetch the Domesday Book.

In 1947 he became principal assistant keeper, which post he retained until 1954, when he was appointed deputy keeper.

Just after the war, with the documents returning, Evans availed himself of the opportunity of re-organizing the public records museum in that part of the Chancery Lane pile that was once a chapel for the conversion of the Jews.

He also tired of the "do not lean on the showcases" notices about the place. The encased documents, he felt, were better appreciated with the viewer propped on his elbows; so he introduced cases with wide, wooden ledges - "Evans ledges", as they became known.

From 1947 to 1954 he was well known to a younger generation of archivists as the lecturer in administrative history and archives administration at the School of Librarianship and Archives, University College London.

He was, finally, appointed Keeper of Public Records in 1959, the first civil servant to hold the post. He retired in October of the following year, although he continued as a member of the Advisory Council on Public Records until 1965.

In retirement Evans took a more active role in Welsh affairs as a governor of both the Welsh national library and national museum.

He was a competent student of mediaeval Welsh history, and published, in 1929, *Flintshire Ministers' Accounts, 1328-1352*. He also wrote a chapter on "Later Middle Ages" in a 1935 history of Carmarthenshire.

REV BASIL MINCHIN

The Rev Basil Minchin, who died in Canterbury on April 25, was a pioneer of liturgical renewal in the Church of England and a sympathetic bridge-builder between Easten orthodoxy and Western Christianity.

Ordained in 1935, for a quarter-of-a-century he served in the parochial ministry in the Bristol diocese. From 1946 to 1960 he was vicar of the bombed parish church of Bedminster. There, the worship he led in the hall which had to serve as parish church, already exemplified the westward position, the offertory procession, lay participation, con-celebration and much else that is now widely taken for granted.

Every Man in His Ministry (1960) was the first of a series of scholarly books on liturgy which he published over the next decade.

His other great contribution was to the mutual understanding between Western and Eastern Christians, a mission especially effective during the years 1960 to 1968 when he and his wife, Margaret, were the joint secretaries of the Fellowship of St Aubyn and St Sergius.

His pamphlet *Praying with Icons* (1979) has the kind of simplicity which only an expert can achieve, revealing the deep spirituality lying within the tradition of Orthodox iconography.

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Memorial services

Mr H.J. Heinz, II
Princess Margaret and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, also representing Princess Alexandra, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Henry J. Heinz, II, held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were represented by Colonel Michael Farmer.

The Rev Dr A.W. Marks officiated. Senator John Heinz, son, and the American Ambassador read the lessons and Sir Hugh Casson, CH, gave an address. Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel attended. Among *others present were:*

Mrs Heinz, II, (widow), Mrs John Heinz (daughter-in-law), Mrs Wendy Mackenzie (step-daughter), Mr and Mrs Dixon Brown.

Mrs Charles Price, II, Senora Puig de la Bellacasa (representing the Spanish Ambassador), the Duke of Grafton (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Duchess of Buccleuch, the Duke of Beaufort, the Marquess of Tavistock, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, the Earl of Drogheda, the Earl and Countess of Gowrie, the Earl and Countess of Wilton, the Earl of Dudley, the Countess of Avon, the Dowager Countess of Arran, the Earl of Scarbrough, the Earl of Perth, the Earl and Countess of Mayo, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl of Westmorland, Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, the Earl of Dalkeith.

Lord and Lady John Manners, Lord and Lady George Scott, Viscount and Viscountess Camrose, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Viscountess Lambton, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord and Lady Northbourne, Lord Sherfield, Lady Soames, Lord Zuckerman, OM, Lord and Lady Iliffe, the Dowager Lady Hesketh, Lady Gladwyn, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Gibson (also representing the National Trust) and Lady Gibson, the Dowager Lady Egremont, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lord Astor of Hever, Irene Lady Astor of Hever, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Ashcombe, Lord and Lady Mancroft, Lord and Lady Drumalbyn, Lord Windlesham, Lord and Lady Glenconner, Lady Quinton.

Mrs Paul Channon, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, Lady Aranbee Lindsay, Lady Tana Focke, Lady Mary Dunn, Lady Antonia Pinter, Lady Elizabeth Mora O'Ferrall, Lady Daphne Straight, the Hon Mrs David Pryce-Jones, the Hon Mrs Raymond Bonham-Carter, the Hon Mrs Marten, the Hon Lady de Zuneta, the Hon Mrs Barbara Norman, the Hon Mrs Bridge, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon Dominic Elliot, the Hon James and Lady Caroline Ogilvy, the Hon Madeleine Dillon, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Lady Orr-Lewis, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Lady Lindsay of Dowhill, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Lady Trevelyan, Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, Sir Eric and Lady Penn, Sir Denys and Lady Lasdun, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir David Wills, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Lady Villiers, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Reginald Hibbert (Ditchley Foundation), Lady Casson, Lady Briggs, Lady Warner, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Lady Russell, Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, Mr M J and Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Michael and Lady Anne Tree, Mr and the Hon Mrs Henry Keswick, Mr and the Hon Mrs Edmund Brudenell.

Sir Anthony O'Reilly (chairman, H J Heinz Company Incorporated) and Mrs O'Reilly, with Mr J W Connolly (managing director, H J Heinz, UK) and other members of the company, Mr Evelyn de Rothschild and Mrs de Rothschild (American Museum at Bath), Mr Kingman Brewster, Mrs Averell Harriman, Mrs Reryl Mc-Ewen, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, Mr Archie Stirling, Mr and Mrs Sidney Spiro, Mr Aidan Crawley, Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne (editor, *Sunday Telegraph*), Mr Alastair Forbes, Mr James Laing, Mr and Mrs Colin Campbell, Mr Nigel Ryan, Mr and Mrs Nicolas Paravicini, Mr John Bowes-Lyon, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mrs Anthony Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Jack Steinberg, Mr and Mrs John Wells, Mr and Mrs A de la Poer Beresford, Baroness Heymann-Huene, Mr and Mrs John Harris, Miss Patricia Rawlings, Mr William Drummond, Mr Christopher Gibbs, Mr and Mrs I. Auchincloss, Mr Michael White, Mr and Mrs Robin Compton, Mrs Alexander Russell, Miss Lucy Manners, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr and Mrs William Mostyn-Owen, Baron and Baroness Vaux, Mr Willoughby Norman, Mr Gavin Young, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr J A Floyd, Mr and Mrs Ivanovic, Mr and Mrs R H Grierson, Mrs Charles Gimpel, Colonel and Mrs Tommy Macpherson, Miss Harriet Crawley, Mr and Mrs Philip Harari, Mr Patrick Harrison, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Colonel and Mrs Vincent Paravicini, Mr Guy Novili, Mrs J Mooney, Mrs E Mizon, Mr S Jay and Mr A C Gilmour (Tate Gallery Foundation).

Mr J. Counsell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Counsell was held yesterday at the Actor's Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union, officiated.

Mr Hugh Goldie and Mr Patrick Cargill read from *Opinion* by John Counsell and Miss Geraldine McEwan from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Mr Michael Denison gave an address. The Windsor Theatre Singers sang *Under the Greenwood Tree* by William Shakespeare, arranged by Mr Joseph Morley. Among those present were:

Mrs Counsell (widow), Mr David Townsend and Miss Elizabeth Counsell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Terry Brown (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Howard Kerridge (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Kerridge (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs M Morgan.

Lady De Freyne, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Anthony Hoopes, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Sir Charles Villiers (Chairman, Theatre Royal, Windsor; with directors and staff of the theatre), Sir Peter Saunders, Lady (Christopher) Aston, Lady Jackling, Mrs Hugh Cobbe, Miss Dulcie Gray, Mr Hugh Cruttwell, Mr Jolyon Jackley, Mr and Mrs John Mumford, Mr John Woodnutt, Mr Michael Sadler, Mr Robert Cawdron, Miss Wendy Williams, Mr Robert Dorning and Miss Honor Shepherd, Mr Robin Wentworth, Mr and Mrs Derek Nimmo, Mr Anthony Woodnutt, Miss Elspeth March, Mr Bryan Coleman, Miss Janet Allen, Mr Laurence Fitch, the Rev Denis Shaw, Miss Rosemarie Lenihan, Miss Hazel Dee, Mr M de la Motte, Mr Jack Allen, Mr William Franklyn, Mr and Mrs D de Grunwald, Mr Royce Mills.

Mr Geoffrey Palmer, Miss Ingrid Burk, Miss Margaret Rawlings, Mr Jack Watling, Mr Terry Hunter, Mr Greene, Mr Hugh Manning, Mr Ray Cooney, Mr Peter Plouviez, Mr Peter Cornelle, Miss Anne Ridler, Mr Maurice Denham, Miss Virginia Denham, Miss Audrey Leybourne, Mr Edmund Pegge, Miss Frances Bennett, Miss Avril Angers, Mr and Mrs Paul Gee, Mr Richard Kay, Mr Ian Dring, Mr Patrick Ide, Miss Carigwen Lewis, Mr Peter Wilmore, Miss Wendy Williams, Miss Bice Bellairs, Miss Laura Gilbert, Mr John Davey.

Major-General and Mrs P.R.C. Hobart
A memorial service for Major-General and Mrs P.R.C. Hobart was held on April 27 at St Michael's, Chester Square, SW1. The Rev David Prior officiated. Mrs M. Linehan, daughter, read *Adieu and Au'Revoir* by John Oxenham, and Mr Christian Hobart, son, read *To Lucasta, Going Beyond the Seas* by Colonel Richard Lovelace. Lieutenant-General Sir Allan Taylor gave the address. Among those present were:

Miss Henrietta Hobart, Miss Columbine Hobart, Miss Nicolete Hobart, (daughters), Mrs C. Hobart, (daughter-in-law), Mr Michael Linehan (son-in-law), Mrs Mimi Storey, (Mrs Hobart's mother), Mr and Mrs John Walsh, (Mrs Hobart's brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Trevor Storey, (Mrs Hobart's brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Marcus Wright, (Mrs Hobart's uncle and aunt), Mr and Mrs David Lane-Joynt, Mrs Lesley Fennell, Mr and Mrs Michael Walsh, Mr and Mrs Neil Storey, Mr Simon Storey, Mr and Mrs Christopher Wyatt, Margot Countess of Buckinghamshire, the Earl and Countess of Buckinghamshire, Sir Robert and Lady Hobart, Mr and Mrs John Hobart, Mr and Mrs Robert Hobart, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Colonel Richard Carver, Colonel and Mrs John Carver, Mrs Betty Seabrook, Mrs Wickenden, and Mr and Mrs John Tasker.

The Earl of Burford, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Grimthorpe, the Hon Mrs Hesaman, the Hon Mrs Nicholson, Colonel Sir Frederick Pile, Sir William Becher, Sir Robert Mackenzie, General Sir Richard Ward, General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, General Sir Peter Hunt, General Sir Jack Harman, General Sir Cecil Blacker, General Sir David Fraser, General Sir Richard Lawson, General Sir John Moore, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp, Lady Tolly, Lady Jones, Major-General Sir Michael Palmer.

Lieutenant-General A K F Walkers, representative Colonel Commandant, Royal Tank Regiment, with Major R Clooney, Regimental Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel C J A Hannerbeck, Commanding Officer 2 RTR, Lieutenant-Colonel M J H Goodson, Commanding Officer 1 RTR, and Lieutenant-Colonel M J Napier, Commanding Officer 3 RTR; Major-General C Cooper, Director, Royal Armoured Corps, Major-General T H Baker, Secretary, University College, London, Colonel R M McAfee, representing Staff College, Camberley, Lieutenant-Colonel J H B Taylor, representing Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, Lieutenant-Colonel G Forty, representing the Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Mr W Reid, Director, National Army Museum, and His Honour R B Willis, *and many other friends.*

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The Lord has made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
Psalm 98 : 2

BIRTHS

BAGNALL - On April 26th 1987, at BMH Munster, to Marian and Alastair, a daughter.

BRADSHAW - On April 16th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Jillian (née Hayman) and David, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, sister to Edward and Richard

BRIDGE - On April 10th 1987, to Tricia (née Mundy) and Mark, a daughter, Rachel Emma Lesley, granddaughter for Clement and Vera.

CABUY - On April 23rd, in Brussels to Sarah-Anne (nee Stone) and René, a daughter, Stephanie.

CLARENCE-SMITH - On April 27th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Stephanie (nee Reed) and Thomas, a son, Charles Kenneth.

CLARKE - On April 26th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Teresa (née De Chair) and Toby, a daughter, Augusta Elfrida, a sister for Theodora.

CLEMENT - On April 27th, at Ashford General Hospital, to Andrea (nee Dale) and Paul, a daughter, Sophie Rachel.

COOPER - On April 24th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Antonya (née James) and Alastair a son, Barnaby to follow Hamish (dec'd) Tabitha, Cassandra, Matilda and Jemima.

DALY - On April 8th, in Oxford, to Joanne (née Quaintance) and Nigel, a son, Brendan John Maurice a brother for Jessica Louise.

DAVIS - On April 27th, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Deborah (née Wolfson) and Glen, a son.

DUCAT-HAMERSLEY - On April 26th, at The John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Penelope (née Hockley) and Jonathan Ducat-Hamersley, a son, Harry Edward, a brother for Lucy.

FARRANT - On April 27th 1987, to Jane (née Brierley) and Mark, a son, Matthew.

FOULSER - On April 23rd, in Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jeff and Clemmie (née Robinson), a daughter, Lucy Margaret.

LLOYD-THOMAS - On April 23rd, to Patricia (née Towey) and Adrian, a son, Edward James, a brother for Sarah.

MICHIE - On April 23rd, to Kaye (née Lewis) and Max, a son, George Henry Kenneth, a brother for James, Alastair and Samuel.

MORGAN - On April 21st, to Sara (née Casey) and James, a son, Edward Miles.

MOSS - On April 22nd 1987, to Rosanne (née Houston) and Peter, a son, Patrick. A bowler for Alexander and Ben.

PARTRIDGE - On April 24th, to Susan (née Hince) and Frank, a daughter Annabel Lucy, a sister for Charlotte.

RAMSDEN - On April 27th, to Jane and John, a daughter Isobel.

SABER - On March 27th 1987, at Hammersmith Hospital, London, to Sharon (née Millar) and Mehdi, a son, Kyle Michael. Mother and Son doing well.

SMITH - On April 24th, to Tessa (née Pentney) and Miles, a son, Alexander Guy Lind.

SPOOR - On April 24th, to Elisabeth and Bill, a daughter, Freya Elisabeth, a sister for Julia.

SYKES - On Sunday April 26th, in Bristol, to Helen and David, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth Alice.

THOMAS - On April 17th, to Leigh and David, a son, Alexander David.

YOXALL-HARARY - On April 19th, to Sally and Basil, a son, Edward Joel, a brother for Esther and Michael.

MARRIAGES

CRAWSHAW:MUSKER - On April 24th 1987, at St Michael's Church, Coppenhall, Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Crawshaw of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire to June Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Musker of Crewe, Cheshire.

RASALA:RUNDLE - On April 25th 1987, at St Augustines Church, High Wycombe, Stuart Rasala, younger son of the late Mr Rasala and Mrs Lucky Rasala of High Wycombe, to Sara, only daughter of Mr And Mrs Reg Rundle of High Wycombe.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

HEWITT:SHERRINGTON - On April 28th 1962, Michael Hewitt to Anne Sherrington in Bexhill, Sussex. With much love from Dominic, Andrea and Timothy, a day late.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

NEWMAN:TRANTER On April 29th 1937 at St Stephens Church, Bush Hill Park, Middlesex, William to Denise, present address 37 Tiddington Court, Tiddington, Warwickshire.

DEATHS

ADDINGTON - On April 27th 1987, Mary Silvia, dearly loved wife of David, mother of Elizabeth and Mary and grandmother of Charlotte and Daniel. Funeral Service St. Mary's Church, Tasburgh on Saturday May 2nd at 11.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Norfolk Churches Trust, c/o Fouiger, Shotesham, Norfolk.

BEITH - On April 27th, at home, Diana Beith, beloved wife of John Beith, and mother of Peter, Jane, Ian and Emma. Funeral Service will be at 11am Friday May 1st at Winchester Cathedral. No Memorial Service by request.

CLAVERING - On April 20th 1987, peacefully, Mavis Rosemary, aged 71. Funeral to be held at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) Friday May 1st 1987 at 10.30am. Close friends and family only. Enquiries to H J Bent 01 969 1170 or 0026. Rest in Peace - J S and David.

DE CONINCK - On April 20th, in Brussels, after a long illness, Adrienne O.B.E., beloved mother of Nadine Bigble and her family and a loving grandmother.

de WINTON - On April 24th, peacefully in hospital, Francis, much loved husband of Diana and loving father and grandfather. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium on Thursday April 30th at 12.30 (East Chapel). Family flowers only please, to be sent to John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Donations, if desired, to charities of own choice. Announcement of Service and interment of ashes at Llanfrynach Church, Brecon will be made later. Please no letters.

DOCWRA - On April 26th 1987, Charles Edward at The Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, dearly loved husband of Margaret Gray and father of Elizabeth and Alasdair. Service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Thursday April 30th. Friends desirous of attending please meet at crematorium at 2pm.

DOUGLAS - On April 24th 1987, in St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex, Margaret Fairweather (née Kellas). Loved and sadly missed by all her family.

EASTWOOD - On April 27th, peacefully at home, 71 Victoria Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk, Frances Margaret, aged 76 years. Dear wife of Berwyn. Beloved mother of John, Robert and the late William and aunt of David and Tim. Treasured grandmother of Bron, Clare, Beth and Imo, and friends. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Oulton Broad on Friday May 1st at 1.30pm followed by private burial. Flowers to Rivett's, Carlton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

GATES - On April 26th 1987, peacefully at home, Oonagh Birney aged 62 years, of Wimbledon, Surrey. Beloved mother of Jonathan, Alice and Peter, a grandmother to Alison, Susan, Christopher, Jessica and Catherine. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations if desired to S.S.A.F.A., The Warden, Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon SW19 7DE.

GIBSON - On April 25th 1987, tragically, Maurice and Cecily, the Rt Hon. Lord Justice and Lady Gibson. Dearly loved parents of Rosemary and Roger, and grand parents of Andrew, Simon and David. Service at Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast on Wednesday April 29th at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Melville and Company Limited, 5 Bedford Street, Belfast. No letters please.

GRATER - On April 23rd 1987, peacefully in Kings College Hospital, after a long illness, Stephen William, beloved of all his family and to be dearly missed by many friends. Funeral at West Grimstead Church on Tuesday May 5th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations for Hospital Equipment, c/o The Stephen Grater Fund, Royal Bank of Scotland, Holts Branch, 22 Whitehall, London, SW1.

GREENWOOD - On April 28th, at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Elizabeth Susan, aged 46 years, of 'Strathdene', Station Road, Shepley, Huddersfield. The dearly loved daughter of Rita and the late George Greenwood and the dear sister of Jennifer and Charles. Service and Cremation on Thursday April 30th at Huddersfield Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations to The Huddersfield Examiner Bodyscanner Appeal c/o Mr I.M. Lee, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield.

HOAD - On April 19th, at Longcroft, Lilian May, much loved Nanny to Joanna and Jane.

HOUSDEN - On March 23rd 1987, after a short illness in Fort Myers, Florida, U.S.A., Margaret, aged 80, formerly of Woking, England. Memorial service at Woking Crematorium on Wednesday May 6th at 2pm. Flowers and/or enquiries to Barrells F.D., 245 Fratton Road, Portsmouth. Tel. 0705 824831.

JEREMIAH - On April 17th 1987, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness and an honourable life, George Lewis Jeremiah (Capt. Retd.), aged 85 years, beloved husband of Charlotte and loved father of David, and daughter-in-law Barbara, and grand daughters Camille and Elise. Donations to Army Benevolent Fund.

JOHN - On April 24th 1987, peacefully Anthony John, MBE, in his 80th year, very dear husband of Mary and much loved father of Charlotte, Nicholas, Caroline, Robin, Simon, Priscilla, Benjamin and Sebastian. Requiem Mass and funeral at 10am Friday May 1st at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis. Flowers to the Memorial Ser ce to be held at The Actors Chur , St. Paul's, Covent Garden at 12 .oon Friday May 15th.

LAWSON-SMITH - On 27th April suddenly at home, Michael of Marishes Gate, Low Marishes, Malton, Yorkshire. Much loved husband of Kathleen, a loving father and grandfather. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please.

Le HUNTE WARD - On April 26th, at Ashburton, peacefully and after a short illness, Lt. Col. Edward Le Hunte Ward aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Flora, father to Veronica, Antonia, Fymvola and Carmel and loving grandfather of André, Dominic, Ivan, Matteau, Nina and Christopher. Requiem Mass at our Lady and St. Petrok's Church, Ashburton on Monday 4th May at 2pm. Flowers to Webber & Christophers, 58 Balland Park, Ashburton, Devon.

LEIPER - On April 27th 1987, suddenly at home in Lyme Regis, John William Guthrie, F.R.C.V.S., much loved by Margot, Robert, Quentin, Julian and family. Funeral Service on Friday 1st May at 10.30am at the Yeovil Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Royal British Legion, c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, Silver St, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

LUBBOCK - On April 26th, Helen Mary aged 90, daughter of the late John Bonham-Carter of Adhurst St Mary, Petersfield, wife of Sir Alan Lubbock and mother of Roger and Martin.

MANN - On April 25th 1987, peacefully in Hospital, after a long illness, bravely borne, Eileen (Kim), loving and much loved wife, mother and grand mother. Funeral on Thursday April 30th at St.Peter's Church, Ash. Flowers to E.Finch and Son, 123 High Street, Aldershot.

MARTIN - On April 26th 1987, in Barbados, after an illness bravely borne, Major David Martin, aged 57, younger son of the late Captain and Lady Christian Martin. Funeral in Barbados on Saturday May 2nd. No letters please.

NAILER - On April 27th 1987, peacefully at home in Cobham, Brenda Maureen, treasured, adored and so dearly loved wife of Cyril. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, at 2.30pm on Friday 1st May and afterwards at Randalls Road Crematorium. Flowers to James & Thomas, Mill Road, Cobham, before 1.30 pm.

PALMER - On April 24th 1987, suddenly, Lt. Col. Rodney Howell Palmer M.C., of Peasemore Manor, Newbury, greatly loved husband of Nance and father of Andrew. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church Peasemore on Friday May 1st at 3pm. Flowers may be sent to Camp Hopson Funeral Directors Newbury or if prefered donations to The Downland Practice Research Fund c/o The Surgery, Chieveley, Newbury Berks.

PARKINSON - On April 28th, Kathleen Mary, aged 79, widow of J.F. Parkinson, and mother of John and Roger Parkinson, and grandmo'.er of John and Jane Parkinson. S rvice at St Matthew's Church, Duffryn, Neath at 11.30am.

PICKWORTH - On April 25th, peacefully after a short illness in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Kathleen, dearly loved wife of Ellis and much loved and devoted mother of Anne and Bridan and grandmother of John, Judith, Laura, Timothy and Richard. Funeral Thursday 7th May at Church of The Holy Spirit, Bedgrove at 10.00am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury HP21 8AL.

REE - On April 28th 1987, peacefully at Bushey, Herts, Irene Frances, aged 99, formerly of Pinner, Middlesex, beloved widow of Captain F.H.T. Ree R.N., mother of John, Richard and (late) Peter, grandmother of Jeremy and great grandmother of Simon and Melissa. Funeral private at Brakespear Crematorium, Ruislip on Tuesday May 12th at 11.30am (East Chapel). Family flowers only to T.A. Element & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner.

SHEDDEN - On April 24th 1987, peacefully at Kippington Grange Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, Hamilton, beloved husband of Janet, dearly loved father of Joan and grandfather of James and Timothy. Funeral Service at Christ Church, London Road, Sevenoaks on May 1st 1987 at 2pm, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only by request.

SHELDON - On April 26th 1987, suddenly, but peacefully at home, Lionel Morris, of Birkdale, Southport. Dearest brother of Edyth, Olive and Randle, and much loved uncle of Rosemary, Christine and Geoffrey. Funeral Service private.

SIEFF - On April 23rd 1987, the Hon. Michael David Sieff, CBE, very much loved husband, father and grandfather. The funeral took place on April 26th.

TALBOT - On April 25th 1987, at Bath, Arthur Charles Ashton Chetwynd-Priest aged 79. Funeral at All Saints, Rington, near Bristol on Friday 1st May at 2pm followed by interment. Family flowers only, but donations to his favourite charity, 'Save The Children Fund'. Any enquiries to E. Hooper and Son, 13 St James Parade, Bath. Tel 0225 22040

TATTERSALL - On April 24th, peacefully in her sleep at The Linkswav Nursing Home, Exmouth, Mildred Helen of 3 Weirfield Flats, Riverside Rd, Sidmouth. Rest in Peace. Requiem mass at the Catholic Church, Sidmouth at 11.00am on Thursday April 30th followed by interment at Sidmouth Cemetery. Flowers to Northcott Brothers, Church St, Sidford.

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YOUNG - On April 21st, to Sara (née Casey) and James, a son, Edward Miles.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADAMS. THOMAS HENRY MAXWELL ADAMS, late of De La Pole Hospital, Willerby, Hull, Humberside, died at Hull on 4th September 1986.
(Estate about £28,500)

HUTCHINGS nee HARPER, ELIZABETH HUTCHINGS nee HARPER, Widow, late of Carlton Hayes Hospital, Narborough, Leicestershire, died there, on 25th December 1985.
(Estate about £18,000)

OSMENT. LEONARD ARTHUR OSMENT late of 15 Minterne Road, Christchurch, Dorset, died there, on or about 29th April 1986.
(Estate about £50,000)

WELSTEAD, FRANK WELSTEAD late of 7 Holly Walk, Keynsham, Bristol, Avon died at Cirencester, Gloucestershire on 28th August 1986.
(Estate about £60,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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☆ **BREAKING THE CODE:** Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, wartime computer genius and homosexual. **Haymarket Theatre,** Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-£13.50, until June 13.

☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. Proving poular. **Wyndham's Theatre,** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-6.40pm, £4.50-£10.50, extended until May 2.

☆ **EDWIN DROOD:** American musical of Dickens's unfinished mystery novel. The audience picks the villain and chooses the ending. With Ernie Wise and Lulu. **Savoy Theatre,** The Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews 7.45-10.15pm, matinées Tues, Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£16.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. **Victoria Palace Theatre,** Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **A PIECE OF MY MIND:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's play covering 20 years of a writer's life. **Apollo Theatre,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8-10.20pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.50pm, Sat 5-7.20pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **SPOOKHOUSE:** Set above a Coney Island ghost train Gwen Taylor's nightmare Jewish momma tells fortunes and eats hearts in Harvey Fierstein's new play. **Hampstead Theatre Club,** Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. 8-9.45pm, £7, matinée Sat 4.30-6.15pm, £6. Membership £2.

☆ **THREE SISTERS:** Strongly cast Chekhov in a new translation by Michael Frayn. **Greenwich Theatre,** Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, matinee Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £3-£7.50, until May 2.

☆ **THE TOURIST GUIDE:** Intense emotional play about male and female in Greece by successful German playwright Botho Strauss. **Almeida Theatre,** Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-9.45pm, £4.£6-£7. Final week.

☆ **UP ON THE ROOF:** Three steps down Memory Lane, 1975, 1980, 1985, as five students learn the ups, downs and cop-outs of adult life. Clever performances. **Donmar Warehouse,** 41 Eartham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £6-£8.

☆ **YR. OBEDIENT SERVANT:** Robbie Coltrane's one man journey round the large life of Dr Johnson. **Lyric Theatre Studio,** King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm. £5

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) .

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Woyzeck:** Leo Wringer plays Buchner's doomed hero and Mark Heath the doctor feeding him beans in a Company Three multiracial production. **New Vic, Theatre Royal, King Street** (0272 264388). Mon-Wed 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £4.

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Robert and Elizabeth:** New season opens with revival of British musical about the young poets of Wimpole Street. **Festival Theatre** (0243 781312). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.20pm (tonight 7-9.50pm), £5.75-£12.50, matinée Sat 2.30pm, £5.50-£10.50.

DERBY: ☆ **My Dad's a Hero:** Premiere of Christopher Denys play about a soldier returning fom World War Two. **Playhouse Theatre,** Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £2.50.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **The Ruling Class:** Peter Barnes's black comedy blends together the House Of Lords, madness, God and Jack the Ripper. **Playhouse Theatre,** Williamson Square (051 709 8363). Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm, £3-£5.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Oslo's Espen Skjonberg rejoins the company to play Shylock, with Harriet Walter as Portia. **Royal Exchange Theatre,** Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £2.50-£8.50.

MOLD: ☆ **An Inspector Calls:** Tom Baker plays the unexpected caller in Priestly evergreen. **Theatr Clwyd,** County Civic Centre (0352 55114). Tue-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8-10 15pm, Tues-Thurs £5-£7, Fri-Sat £6-£8, matinée Sat 3pm, £4.

RICHMOND: ☆ **A Month of Sundays:** Michael Robbins and Colin Douglas in nationwide tour of Bob Larbey's comedy of old folks in a home. **Richmond Theatre,** Richmond Green (01-940 0088). Mon-Fri 7.45-10pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm and Sat 5pm, £3-£7.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Bill Alexander's new production with Antony Sher as Shylock and Deborah Findlay as Portia. **Royal Shakespeare Theatre,** Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, £5-£15.50

STRATFORD: ☆ **Temptation:** Latest sharp comedy by Vaclav Havel, Czech dramatist banned in his own country. **The Other Place,** Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Mon-Fri £8.50, Sat £7.

STRATFORD: ☆ **TITUS ANDRONICUS:** aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play: Elizabethans loved it. **Swan Theatre,** Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-£13.

TALKS

ENJOYING LAKELAND: Tape-slide presentation recorded by Chris Bonington. **Lake District National Park Visitor Centre,** Ambleside (09682 6601). 11am-2.30pm, adult £1.20, 5-17 year-olds 60p.

OTHER EVENTS

RHS FLOWER SHOW: Second and final day, with competitions for rhododendrons, late daffodils, ornamental trees and shrubs, British irises and roses. Cafeteria and RHS information stand. **Royal Horticultural Society Halls,** Greycoat Street and Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333), 10am-5pm, £1.

BOOK MARKET: In aid of Environment Week (April 25 to May 4) a "bring and buy sale", with new and second hand books on a variety of related subjects from architecure and landscape design to conservation. **17 Carlton House Terrace,** London SW1, today and tomorrow, 11am-5pm, free.

CIRCUS SENSO: Otherwise entitled "Rock 'n' Roll Circus", a family entertainment with acrobatics, juggling, tightrope walking and hoop-diving. **Bloomsbury Theatre,** 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629), today until May 1, 1.30pm and 7.30pm, adult £3.50, child £2.50.

LYDNEY PARK GARDENS: Open for a short season, an extensive woodland valley garden which contains a marvellous collection of shrubs. Also deer park, a Roman temple and the New Zealand Museum. **Lydney,** Gloucestershire (0594 42844), today until June 14, Wed, Sun and bank holidays, adult £1, child free.



In 1985 James Brown, a man with more entries in the history of the American Top 40 than any act bar Presley and the Beatles, was without a recording contract. By the start of the following year he was back in the Top 10 with "Living in America". Such resilience befits a performer who began as a teenager in Augusta, Georgia, singing gospel and rhythm and blues with local stars like the Three Swanees, while simultaneously pursuing a career as a bantamweight boxer. He never forgot how to move on his feet, and after his million-selling debut release "Please Please Please" in 1956, became renowned for the astounding energy and showmanship of his performances, which earned him the undisputed title of "the hardest working man in showbusiness". His influence on performers from Otis Redding through to Prince is incalculable. Brown will be 54 on Sunday and, inevitably, he has slowed down since his heyday. But do not expect a sagging revival show. At his last Wembley appearance a year ago this week, he and his expertly-drilled band dispensed churning slabs of tough-boy funk in a manner that was almost disdainful of the modern competition. James Brown plays tonight at Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £10-£12. *David Sinclair*

FILMS

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THE ASSAULT (PG): Fons Rademaker's thriller based on Harry Mulisch's best-seller (150 min).
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■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
⊠ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek, Diane Keaton and Sam Shepard star in this black farce set in the Southern USA (105 min).
⊠ **Odeon Haymarket** (839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.30.

■ **THE FOURTH PROTOCOL (15):** Old-fashioned entertainment based on Frederick Forsyth's novel about a Soviet plan to sabotage Nato with a covertly assembled atomic bomb. Michael Caine is the maverick spycatcher (119 min).
⊠ **Cannon Panton St** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25, 10.00
⊠ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 5644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 8.10.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.10.
⊠ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3232/01-839 1929). Progs 1.15, 4.30, 7.45.

HALF MOON STREET (18): Another film about prostitution, with Signoury Weaver and Michael Caine as the two redeeming features.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30, 10.35.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.05, 8.45.

■ **HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG):** Mild parody of the haunted house genre, with Gene Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion, and Dom DeLuise in drag (83 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 6.00, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 -310). Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 8.55.
⊠ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. With Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.45.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

MARTIAL ARTS OF SHAOLIN (PG): Leading exponents of kung fu twirl and kick through some of China's spectacular locations. A vigorous extravaganza, with the Chinese star Jet Lee; directed by Hong Kong's Lau Kar-Leung (.
Rio, Dalston (01-254 6677). Progs 8.30.

■ **OVER THE TOP (PG):** Perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck driver who tries to get to know his neglected son during a cross-continental ride (93 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.
⊠ **Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35.

PERSONAL SERVICES (18): Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam. Not for the easily offended (105 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
⊠ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
⊠ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

PLATOON (PG): Oliver Stone's intense anti-war drama which scoooped up four Oscars. With Willem Defoe and Tom Berenger as sergeants at loggerheads in Vietnam (120 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 11.15, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.
■ **STAND BY ME (15):** The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

TOUGH GUYS (15): Two great stars — Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas — in a minnow of a film about gentleman crooks adjusting with difficulty to life outside prison.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-830 5252). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 6.00, 8.45.

WORKING GIRLS (18): Documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. With Louise Smith (90 min).
⊠ **Cannon Piccadilly** (01-437 3561). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40, 11.15.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 3.00, 4.55, 6.55, 9.00.

☆ **THE WINNER:** Barry Douglas, winner of the 1986 Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, plays Beethoven's Sonata Op 53 "Waldstein", Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and a brace of Shostakovich Preludes and Fuges.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £4.50-£10.50.

DANCE

☆ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Nicola Katrak and Joseph Cipolla dance Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£23.50.

☆ **TOUCH THE EARTH:** NewYork by Rosemary Butcher with Michael Nyman, composer, and Dieter Pietsch, visual artist.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107) 1-2pm £2, 8-9pm £4.

☆ **INTRAVENUS:** New work by Matthew Hawkins for his Imminent Dancers Group.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354) 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **BONSAI:** This and other works by Plobolus Dance Theatre from New York.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-10pm, £3.50-£12.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Westminster tube, 2pm, £2.25.

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — WESTMINSTER: meet Westminster tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

HIDDEN CURIOS & COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.

OPERA

☆ **SIMON BOCCANEGRA:** David Alden's somewhat contrived production of Verdi's dark masterpiece, with powerful performances from Jonathan Summers in the title role and Arthur Davies as Gabriele Adorno. Peter Robinson takes over the baton from Mark Elder.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** The last lap of Ian Judge's witty and handsome production of th G & S mock-melodrama for New Sadler's Wells Opera.
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury (0227 67246), 7.30-10.20pm, £6.50-£12.50.

JAZZ

☆ **DUKE ELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY:** On the 88th anniversary of his birth, the Midnite Follies Orchestra and Adelaide Hall pay tribute to the master.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30pm, £2.50-£6.50.

☆ **SWINGLE SINGERS:** Parisian vocal virtuosi whose jazzed-up Bach found some favour in the Sixties.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

TOMMY CHASE: Hard-driving jazz quartet led from the drum stool by a crew-cut veteran.
☆ **Pizza Express,** 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £5.50.

ROCK

☆ **THE GAP BAND:** With such memorable chart slogans as "Oops Upside Your Head", "Burn Rubber On Me" and "Humpin'", the three Wilson brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma are not noted for their philosophical insights so much as for their irresistible funk dance beats.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £5.50-£8.50.

☆ **NEW AGE MUSIC:** In America, what used to be known as ambient music, or more accurately, muzak, is coming to be regarded as a stress-relieving "drug" called New Age Music. This tour features "leading" no-names (Stephen Caudel, John Thomas, etc.) in the field of hazy instrumental balm for CD owners who would rather not suffer the ups and downs of proper music.
Albany Empire, Douglas Way, London SE8 (01 691 3333) 8pm, £2.50-£3.50.

☆ **THE MIGHTY DIAMONDS:** They gained impetus in the mid-seventies under the auspices of Sly & Robbie (who else?) and are now one of the best established of the reggae harmony groups.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01 437 1801) 7.30pm, £5.

DURAN DURAN: Down to a nucleus of Simon le Bon, Nick Rhodes and John Taylor, following the group's fragmentation in 1985, they have slipped from the top of the greasy pole of pop. This, their first UK tour since 1984, may slow the decline, but the new single "Meet El Presidente" does little to improve their stock.
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place, (031 557 2590) 7.30pm, £9-£11.

GALLERIES

INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE: Pictures chosen by 12 celebrities (see caption). **Gardiner Centre Gallery,** University of Sussex, Brighton (0273-685447). Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until May 27.

LONDONERS: The capital's inhabitants from the Dark Ages to the present as depicted in manuscripts, paintings and prints. **Museum of London,** London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until August 2.

A CLEAR VIEW: An exhibition of important Belgian impressionist pictures between 1880 and 1930, which includes James Ensor, the painter of disturbing masks and clowns. **Whitford and Hughes,** 6 Duke Street, London SW1 (01-930 9332). Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 29.

MIQUEL BARCELO: Large paintings in the continental expressionist idiom by a 29 year-old Mallorcan previously unexhibited in Britain. **Waddington Galleries,** 2 & 34 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 22.

LELAND BELL AND LOUISA MATTHIASDOTTIR: Two senior artists celebrate the publication of monographs about them with small selections of their paintings. **Stoppenbach & Delestre,** 25 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3534). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 23.

AD 87: Fifty artists from Anthony Dawson's South London gallery show works at prices from £22. **Concourse Gallery,** Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Mon-Sat 11-8pm, Sun 12-8pm, free, until May 23.

JAMES MORRISON: Spacious landscape oils and watercolours of the blustery coastline of Scotland by an important native artist. **Thackeray Gallery,** 18 Thackeray Street, London W8 (01-937 5883). Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Wed 7pm, Sat 10-4pm, free, until May 15



Kate Adie, the prize-winning television reporter, is one of a dozen famous names who have selected pictures from the Arts Council collection for an exhibition at the Gardner Centre, Sussex University. Her choice is two paintings from 1980, one by Christopher Le Brun, the other by Andrzej Jackowski. Artists favoured by other celebrities include Gwen John (by Dame Janet Baker), Francis Bacon (by Roald Dahl), John Piper (by Sir David Attenborough) and Bridget Riley (by Jean Muir).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL: Highlights include Berlioz's *Grande Messe des Morts* in St Paul's Cathedral, and concert performance of Gluck's unperformed opera *La Corona*. Concerts in churches, Guildhall and other venues, including Medici and Endellion String Quartets, Hagen Quartet of Salzburg, and City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox. Recitals by Joaquin Achucarro (piano), Peter Schreier (tenor), and Barry Tuckwell (horn) with Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Also prose and poetry readings with Timothy West, Janet Suzman, and Judi Dench; jazz with Stephane Grappelli, Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band and Alan Price; and three programmes of contemporary Australian music. July 5-25. **Box Office,** St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4 (01-236 2801)

RYEDALE FESTIVAL: Booking for 1987, incorporating 7th Helmsley Festival, with performances of Handel/Mozart *Messiah*, and original version of Fauré *Requiem*. Appearances by Nash and Northern Percussion Ensembles, Capricci Piano Quartet, and Parley of Instruments. Also York Theatre Royal and Stephen Jones Theatre companies; and Humphrey Lyttleton Band. July 24-Aug 9. **Ticket World,** 6 Patrick Pool, off Church Street, York (0904 644194), or Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire (0653 600666). Saver tickets for multiple bookings.

LAST CHANCE

JOHN BULL: Rare revival of nineteenth century comedy by George Colman the Younger, with Terrence Hardiman, Niall Buggy and Vivien Halbron, directed by Roger Rees. Ends this week. **Old Vic, Theatre Royal, King Street, Bristol** (0272 264388).

CHARLES HODGE MACKIE: Woodcuts and oils by a Scot who knew Gauguin and was influenced by Honnard. 1862-1920. Ends today. **Scottish Gallery,** 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 225 5955).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 19

BBC 1
1 Eastenders (Tues/Sun) 20.65m
2 Eastenders (Thurs/Sun) 20.35m
3 Ever Decreasing Circles 14.80m
4 Live World Championship Boxing 13.10m
5 The Mirror Crack'd 12.85m
6 News, Sport and Weather (Sat 21.35) 12.75m
7 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks 11.45m
8 One By One 11.40m
9 News and Weather (Sun 22.00) 11.10m
10 Perry Mason Returns 10.75m

BBC2
1 Have His Carcase (Wed/Sat) 7.10m
2 Moonlighting 6.70m
3 French and Saunders 4.95m
4 M.A.S.H 4.85m
5 The Children of Dynmouth 4.50m
6 Hedgehog Wedding 4.15m
7 The Treasure of Pancho Villa 4.10m
8 Naked Video 3.95m
9 Open Space 3.80m
10 Wong Sa'am 3.60m
10 An Evening With Pam Ayres 3.80m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.55m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 13.35m
3 Clive James On Tv Live 12.25m
4 Taggart Sky 11 4.60m
5 Sense in Lucky Thames 10.45m
6 Crossroads (Tues) Central 10.20m
7 Crossroads (Wed) Central 9.95m
8 Emmerdale Farm (Tues) Yorkshire 9.55m
9 Who's the Greatest? Thames 9.35m
10 Crossroads (Thurs) Central 9 10m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.60m
2 The Hot Rock 5.80m
3 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.70m
4 Treasure Hunt 5.65m
5 A Man For All Seasons 4.05m
6 The Assam Garden 3.90m
7 Hill Street Blues 3.60m
8 Countdown (Mon) 3.05m
9 The Borge Back 2.90m
10 Countdown (Wed) 2.55

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parentheses showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time* Mon to Fri
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Tonight 7.45 **BARRY DOUGLAS** Piano recital.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 3191. CC 928 8800. Tomorrow 7.30pm **PHILHARMONIA** Conductor Herrington. Aaale Fischer. Beethoven Ov. Egmont, Piano Concerto No 4, Symphony No.3 'Eroica'

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tonight 7.30 Simon Boccanegra Tomor 7.00 Don Giovanni

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911 Sticky info 836 6903 S CC Tickets £1.25.50/ (Ballet) £2-42 (Opera) 65 ampht seats avail on the day Tonight 7.30 **SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET** The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Eves 7.30 **FLOBOGLUS** Dance Theatre. Until May 9 Bussell/ Prendergast/Bintley/ Mister. Lond's Edge Can't Get Started. New pros from May 5

THEATRES

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APOLLO Shaftesbury Ave 01 437 2663 434 3598 cc First Call 24-hr cc 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 **GEORGE COLE** "Irresistible" S Times **ANNA CARTERET** "Touching" L Daily News in **"This dazzling piece"** Times **A PIECE OF MY MIND** A new play by **PETER NICHOLS** Eves 7.30 Sats 5.00 & 8.00 Wed Mats 2.30

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999 **DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER** in **NEIL SIMONS** BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by **MICHAEL RUDMAN** A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 3.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (No bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 **Royal Shakespeare Company's** LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards

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THE ARTS

Survival of the fittest

***The Sinking Ark*, the second programme in BBC 2's worthy *Only One Earth* series, was presented by Julian Pettifer. It was an appropriate choice for a programme about the need to preserve endangered species. Like David Attenborough, Pettifer has miraculously survived from a much earlier stage in the evolution of the BBC when articulate, intelligent reporting was accompanied by delightful quirk and idiosyncrasy.**

His particular quirk was to have juvenile good looks and, like Attenborough, keep them. Surrounded by the likes of Fyfe Robertson, Macdonald Hastings, Whicker and Michelmore he looked almost too good to be true.

TELEVISION

Now, alas, compared with many presenters, he just sounds too good to be true. Fluent, educated in tone, yet not without humour, he appears to be in complete command of his material. Mercifully, there is now some sign of ageing. This was made clear when he insisted on stripping off and going for a swim.

Such an unflattering move might seem puzzling. However, Pettifer had made a point of saying that it was ecologically dangerous that, when it came to flooding Amazonian forests, only the more photogenic animals were saved and perhaps it was his way of saying that his own survival in the TV jungle is due to more than his looks.

Such frivolities apart, Pettifer had many important things to say about the damage we have been doing to our planet. It seems that some, however, have been getting it right by recreating chains with ducks bombing fish with their droppings or by doing wonders with the winged bean. Of course, the old *Tonight* team knew all about the importance of variety in their gene pool: as with the ecological chain in Brazil, you cannot have your valuable nuts without the odd orchid.

Andrew Hislop

Leading a film revolution

Elem Klimov (below), now the first ambassador for the Soviet cinema, has arrived in London for the opening of his film *Farewell* this week. He talks to David Robinson about the changes that have arrived with the Gorbachov era

When Elem Klimov last visited London in November 1985, he was the *enfant terrible* of the Soviet cinema. Practically every one of his films had brought head-on conflicts with the bureaucratic establishment. He returns to London this week as the leader and most significant individual figure of the new Gorbachov-era cinema – and perhaps of Soviet culture in general.

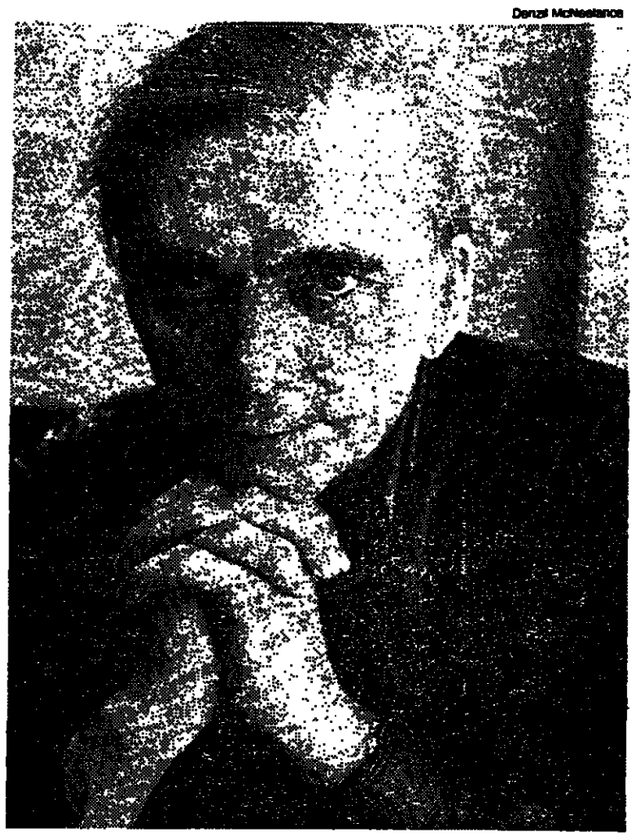
Influence seems not to have spoilt him: if there is a hint of change in this tall, handsome man with the rumbling voice, it is that he seems a trifle easier and more relaxed, despite 11 months of non-stop work and a punishing travel schedule. All the same, he admits he preferred the old role of *enfant terrible*.

The cinema revolution was effected at the stormy Congress of the Film Makers' Union last May, when the old guard who had held power for as long as anyone could remember were ousted, and Klimov was elected general secretary. The first move of the new secretariat was to seek a practical demonstration of *glasnost* by demanding the release of all the films that had been shelved over the previous two or three decades. These included early works directed by Klimov himself and by his wife, the gifted Larissa Shepitko, who died in a car crash in 1979.

Klimov is in London for the opening at the Camden Plaza of *Farewell*, the film on which Shepitko was working at the time of her death, and which he subsequently finished. Based on a novel by Valentine Rasputin, *Farewell to Matyora*, it is about a woman who refuses to move from her Siberian home which is scheduled to be sunk under water as part of a hydraulic dam project. The film was finished in 1982, but was criticized as pessimistic and hostile to progress, and given only limited showings. It was not released for export until last year. Klimov's more recent epic *Go And See* is already showing in London at the Lumière.

Klimov admits that though the public at large has responded to the excitement of the new openness – "they are excited to witness the return to power of justice" – not all the films taken off the shelves have been popular. Tenghiz Abuladze's *Repentance*, which dealt with the repressions of the Stalin era, was a major box office hit when it opened in January (by the time of the opening the cinemas were sold out for two months ahead); but Alexei German's *My Friend Ivan Lapchin* provoked a mass of complaints when shown on television.

It will be some time before the effects of the revolution upon new production become apparent; although Klimov says that production processes already run much more smoothly. Scripts are approved faster, since "not nearly so many people now have to be involved in the process".



Denzil McNeelance

There has been a general shift of power from the monolithic State Cinema Organization, Goskino, to the studios and to the Union of Film Makers. In general terms this signifies both decentralization, and a considerable transfer of power from the bureaucrats to the creative sector. "Goskino now intervenes much less; the union much more. The union is always struggling to help the problematic films, working to convince people that they should be made."

The past 11 months have been taken up in planning a total reorganization of the structure of the film industry. The most dramatic change is the adoption of an economic system much nearer to the competitive commercialism of non-socialist cinemas. Each studio will be relaunched with an official subsidy: after that it will depend entirely on the returns from the earnings of its own product – even risking bankruptcy if it fails to attract its audience.

Each studio will have its own function. "There will be a screenwriters' studio, a children's film studio, a 'genre' studio, making adventure films, science fiction and the like, another devoted to musicals and comedy. One studio will produce only debut films."

This suggests that some of the studios will have a very unfair advantage in the commercial stakes, but Klimov claims that the economists are working out a system of weighting cinema returns in support of those studios committed to artistic quality rather than box office appeal.

In addition, Goskino will continue to fund about 20 per cent of the whole volume of production – "not necessarily political films: the fund may be used for children's films, documentaries or to assist young film makers. The Union of Film Makers will have a special fund, maintained by 1 per cent of box office takings, to help experimental productions, or assist studios with projects that are not obviously commercial."

Has Klimov no fear that, with this new commercial competition, studios may aim at the lowest level of audience taste? "It is too easy to blame the audience's bad taste. The film makers must look to their own taste. It is the collective responsibility of the studio and its leaders."

What if the studio head said. "I'm ashamed of the films my studio makes – but they do sell billions of tickets?" "Yes, please!" says Klimov with empirical enthusiasm.

Klimov strongly resists comparisons between the new spirit in Soviet cinema and the period of cultural relaxation in 1956 to 1958. "It is dangerous to try to draw historical parallels. What is happening now goes much deeper than then. You know what Churchill said about Khruschev? He said that he wanted to leap the chasm, but thought he could do it in two jumps! No – this time we are going to do everything in our power to see that the process is irreversible."

How have the old guard taken their eclipse? "Very hard. It is a big drama for them. But now they have the same chance as everyone else to prove themselves by their work." Are the writers working on brave new scripts in readiness for the new organization? "Yes. But they are bringing out the old ones too – the ones that could never be done before."

Klimov himself has spent a year away from the studios. Will he be able to return to direction? "Next year, I hope. But for the moment the important thing is to get the new organization on its feet. Believe me – it really is revolutionary."

Fine swansong

CONCERTS

Hagegård/Jones
St John's/Radio 3

Though Schubert wrote the songs of *Schwanengesang* within four months of his death, the odour of unrelieved morbidity does not pervade them as it does *Die Winterreise*. For one thing, *Schwangesang* is not a true song-cycle, so there is not the same feeling of cumulative gloom.

This also means that singers need not feel bound by some sacred chronology or mystic unity. In this fine BBC lunchtime recital the Swedish baritone Håkan Hagegård reordered the songs so that the six Heine settings came first, with just four of the Rellstab lyrics appended. It worked well; the new finale presented opposite spirits of departure – "In der Ferne" angry and strident; "Abschied" relaxed and philosophical – while "Ständchen", placed straight after the traumatic "Der Doppelgänger", proved an inspired choice of panacea.

Hagegård's singing reflected a keen musico-poetic intelligence, too. His natural timbre is perhaps heavier than he let on here – only in the opening "Der Atlas" did he allow any element of gruffness to colour his interpretation. Elsewhere, although there were some superbly-measured crescendos, he preferred a well-focussed head-voice coupled with a suave legato articulation.

His voice is in prime shape: the wide-spaced leaps of "Das Fischermädchen" were managed with lilting ease, and there was a glorious tenorish ring to the high *fortissimos*. What one missed was more characterful colouring of individual phrases, or more flexible acknowledgement of Schubert's masterly modulatory touches. The minor/major oscillation of "Ständchen" was one instance where Hagegård could have eased up to good effect. The pianist, Warren Jones, played tidily but projected a rather neutral personality.

Richard Morrison

Noteworthy, but...

BBC Singers
St John's

This was the first in a short series of concerts the BBC Singers are giving at St John's. The choir has few rivals in its ability to read difficult new works and here they are being tested with a motley of compositional styles, in which reading the notes is often only the first step.

That was certainly the case in Thea Musgrave's *For the Time Being: Advent*, a BBC commission receiving its first performance. The piece calls for strong dramatic propulsion to carry its setting of a wartime poem by W H Auden.

Much of the writing recalls Musgrave's experience as a composer of opera. The dark winter scenes of Auden's poem are given chill scenic colours and the composer cleverly manipulates the rise and fall of dramatic tension over the span of one long single movement. The musical material with which all this is done, however, is rather less interesting. In particular, the central section where a narrator declaims the poet's words over fragments of music from the chorus needs more impulse.

The series will be giving prominence to the most respected British women composers. This concert included the first London performance of Elizabeth Maconchy's *Still Falls the Rain*, an oppressive setting of Edith Sitwell's poem which uses a double choir to create a succession of dense sonorities, and the luxuriantly radiant *Ave maris stella* by Grace Williams.

Though this was the most traditional music of the evening, its wide vocal ranges seemed to tax the BBC Singers most acutely. Otherwise the most expressive performance they gave under their conductor John Poole came in William Schuman's *Carols of Death*, an oasis of calm, lucid thinking among so much that was complicated.

Richard Fairman

ROCK

John Mayall's Bluesbreakers
Town & Country

They couldn't even spell his name correctly on the tickets, that's how much being a "living legend" counts for these days. Neither did John Mayall's status as the self-styled "father of British blues" qualify him for a roadie, and for half-an-hour or so beforehand the lean 53-year-old performer laboured to set up his keyboards, as if at a local pub gig. This may have reflected Mayall's parsimony or humility or both, for this sizeable venue was packed.

For all the celebrated musicians that passed through the ranks of the Bluesbreakers in the Sixties, Mayall's greatest achievement remains his 1966 *Bluesbreakers with Eric Clapton*, an album that influenced the whole complexion of the nascent virtuoso guitar movement, and which brought the blues squarely into the mainstream of rock.

History has not judged the development of the guitar hero kindly, and indeed the current Bluesbreakers' set suffered from lengthy sections of instrumental bombast from Coco Montoya and Walter Trout, two burly men with Stratocasters who waited with smouldering patience during each number until unleashed by their leader's signal.

Mayall himself, never an especially gifted player, made cheerful contributions on keyboards, guitar and harmonica, while his hyena-call voice has dropped a register or two, losing its distinctive edge.

But in a show that was entirely an exercise in nostalgia, there were still wonderful moments for anyone who thrilled to Mayall's work in his heyday. Montoya, in particular, did a fair composite impression of Clapton and Peter Green, and numbers like "All Your Love", "Little Girl", "It Ain't Right" and "Riding on the L & M" were given respectable enough treatment to conjure at least an impression of their power in the hands of earlier line-ups of this man's group.

By the end, Mayall seemed taken aback by the genuine, near-rabid enthusiasm of the audience. Presumably he set about the task of dismantling his equipment in good heart.

David Sinclair

A stern mirror

THEATRE

Canaries Sometimes Sing
Albery

With every Maugham or Coward revival that turns up, it appears that the supposedly frivolous 1920s were crawling with West End moralists; and here (transferred as usual from the Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford) comes another stern marital admonition from Frederick Lonsdale, the Isaiah of light comedy.

Lonsdale achieved his remarkable success by playing on the masochism of the carriage trade; holding up a mirror to the customers in which they could plainly read his detestation for their way of life. Even among the venomous writers of his time, he is exceptional in practising stage characterization as a process of incrimination. He has four characters to work over in *Canaries Sometimes Sing* (1929): one, a stereotyped art-fancying wife, gets it in the neck from the start, and the two men in her life are ignominiously deflated by the end of the show. Only one of the quartet – a former chorus girl who has wandered into the gilded cage – escapes unscathed.

There is no quarelling with the title, as all the characters see themselves as caged birds. Geoffrey, a well-to-do entertainment playwright, laments

To answer the question "Where do I go from here?" a play has also to put the question "How did I get to where I am?"

Sad Arthur is first seen in his London bed-sit at the end of 1980 absently nursing a pet hen. Once he was lead singer of a rock group – possibly called New Faeces, though the jokes come so helter-skelter this may have been general social comment. He has now given up the music scene and thinks of leaving his energy-free basement (ie, power cut off) to marry trenchant Annie, American and a former member of the group.

Re-enter Charlie (Peter Lee Wilson), also from the past, androgyous in leather and dog-chains, who wants to record Arthur's hits. It is unclear why records do not already exist but the device, later justified somewhat, is patently a device to take us on a memory trip through the pot and social scenery of the Seventies. "Are you for real?"

Zöe Dominic



Conversation piece: Liz Robertson and Peter Bowles

his imprisonment with the pretentious Anne, who in turn longs to share her preposterous nest (deftly evoked in Saul Radomsky's sub-Ballets Russes set) with someone other than her spiritually-inert spouse. Geoffrey's old Etonian buddy Ernest, likewise, is shackled to the ex-high-kicking Elma who is constantly affronting his stuffed-shirt etiquette. When the two couples come together for a tight-lipped dinner party everything seems set for a mutual switch of partners.

In no time, Ernest is mooning over Anne as she consummates her reunion with her grand piano ("Oh, my darling, has no-one played you for a whole week?"). Geoffrey, meanwhile, enlists Elma as his ally in fostering this welcome affair, and then falls for her as a girl with a sense of fun and a healthy indifference to the art scene.

The ingenuity of the piece is that Lonsdale goes on to reverse the expected train of events. When it comes to the point, both affairs explode as sentimental bubbles; neither of the men has the courage to go through with them.

Lonsdale's world has much in common with E F Benson's novels, with the difference that Benson was fond of his ghastly social-climbers. There is no affection in this play; even Elma is no more than a plain-speaking device placed in contrast with the surrounding liars. Liz Robertson limits her to a fixed smile, and charm that intensifies when she is handing out moral condemnation. Patrick Garland directs some well-orchestrated collisions of comic self-righteousness between Peter Bowles and Neil Stacy. Alas for Sylvia Syms, the role of Anne is irreclaimable.

Irving Wardle

Sad Arthur's Trip
Belgrade Studio, Coventry

snaps the incredulous Annie (stylish performance by Lorelei King) when he appears to prefer recalling the past to creating the future. Answer: "1970 – Rolf Harris at number one – that's enough reality for anyone."

Bob Mason, composer of all the songs, writer of book and lyrics, also plays Arthur, adapting posture and oddly unsmiling face, resembling a clown without make-up, to the total range of busking, protest, transsexualism, Rasta, disco and punk. This catch-all process does imply that different genres come like Rasta hats or punk kilts and are no deeper than skin. Such short cuts and rough corners can be accepted as a part of the show's charm, though the mid-term arrival of feminism is heavy, man. "Bad Chemistry" is one song that goes beyond parody to genuine feeling, with references to love that did not work and nuclear science that worked all too well.

In this likeable and quick-witted show Olwen Griffiths plays Arthur's piano-vamping, absent-minded Mum, who finds that hash cake, munched in mistake for Jaffa cakes, does wonders for her memory. Director: Rob Bettinson.

Jeremy Kingston

Distant melodrama

OPERA

Elektra
Paris Opéra

Just as chilling is Helga Dernesch's Klytemnestra, clad in blood-red, whose own torments, physical and mental, are expressed through a voice of impressive power. And Cheryl Studer completes this tense familial pyramid with a warm-voiced, bewildered Chrysothemis, whose frailty lies in her powerlessness to change those around her and to stop them from making her, too, a victim of the fate they have all willed upon themselves.

Meanwhile, the masculine presence, which is very much relegated by Strauss to a position backstage, is headed by John Bröcheler as the rather too dashing Orestes and by Jean Depouy's suitably harassed, weak Aegisthus.

This sequence of performances runs until May 6.

Stephen Pettitt

After its short run from the end of January to mid-February, Seth Schneidman's production for the Paris Opéra of Richard Strauss's vision of madness and vengeance has returned.

If the first cast-list was impressive (it included Christa Ludwig), the second makes no compromises. It is thus all the more a pity that Schneidman fails to make the most of his opportunities, for of all operas this one lends itself to adventurous, symbolic staging, to shapes and colours that could make the impact of the music yet more indelible in the mind.

Instead Hubert Monloup's set, gloomily lit by Bruno Boyer, and consisting of a ruined French baroque facade backstage flanked by huge black terracing that one supposes to represent a Greek amphitheatre, is dull to look at and provides inadequate psychological clues.

For example, much of the action – what action there is in a production that emphasizes soliloquy – takes place within a circle, whose shape obviously represents Elektra's self-contained obsession with vengeance for Agamemnon. But the outline is a flat one; how much more effective the device would be if its wall could be seen to have both thickness and height.

In short, Schneidman shows us a melodrama from a distance, where Strauss and Hofmannsthal, if not Sophocles, meant us to feel the horror as though our nerve-endings were exposed. That is, after all, one reason why this extraordinary score went where scarcely any western music in 1908 had ever gone before, beyond the bounds of conventional tonality.

The evening is saved, however, by the singing of the illustrious cast, and no less by the sustained fervour of the Opéra orchestra, conducted by the Japanese-American Kent Nagano, who replaces Seiji Ozawa from the earlier run.

Elektra is Gwyneth Jones, who magnificently handles the huge demands of the role, with all the extremes of hysteria and hatred it contains.

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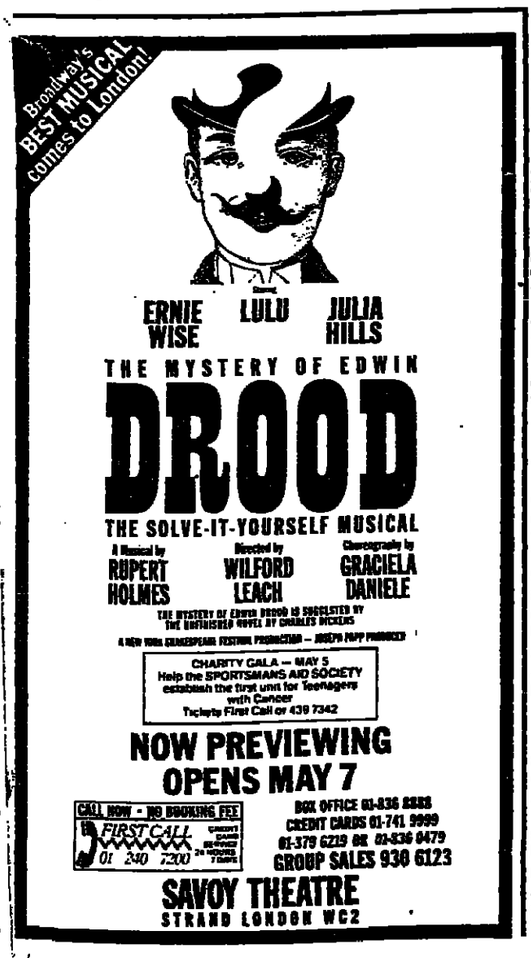
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South African union wins court order against the police

Johannesburg (AFP) – South Africa's largest trade union federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), was yesterday granted a temporary court order here stopping police from unlawfully assaulting, harassing or intimidating union members.

The order was handed down as the country's largest anti-apartheid organization, the United Democratic Front (UDF), called for a two-day national strike to coincide with the whites-only general election on May 6.

The court ruling in favour of Cosatu came after its headquarters were ransacked by police last week.

Affidavits to support the order claimed that the police were out of control, and that their actions threatened to disrupt the entire structure of labour relations.

It arose from the police siege and ransacking of Cosatu House, in central Johannesburg, on April 22 after six black men were killed in clashes between police and striking transport workers.

The clashes were the culmination of a six-week strike by at least 18,000 black workers, and a 10-day series of arson attacks on trains in both black and white areas in and around Johannesburg.

According to papers laid before court, a meeting of strikers at Cosatu House last Wednesday heard of a police attack on a transport union meeting in Germiston, east of here, during which three strikers were killed.

They armed themselves and streamed out of Cosatu House to a nearby railway station to catch a train to Germiston. They refused a police order to disperse and turned on the police when teargas was fired at them.

The decision by the UDF to call a two-day strike was, the movement said, a protest against "the racist whites-only elections and the extra hardships they have caused our people".

The UDF National Secretary, Mr Mohammed Vali Moosa, said that the protest would constitute a national work "stayaway" on May 5 and 6.

Cosatu was also holding meetings yesterday to plan what union sources described as "similar action".

Trade union sources said that workers would also defy Government restrictions on May Day rallies planned for Friday.

Cosatu's largest member, the powerful National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), whose offices were among those ransacked last week, said that it was still debating whether and or how to support the anti-elections protest.

The NUM's members comprise more than half the country's 500,000 black miners.

The transport strike and the harsh police reaction to it, along with the firing of about 16,000 strikers last week, have placed South Africa's trade unions at the centre of black rejection of the whites-only elections.

The Supreme Court in Durban ruled yesterday that a decree from the Commissioner of Police on April 10, making it an offence to incite or encourage people to take part in campaigns against detention, was invalid (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg).

The decision reinforced an earlier ruling by the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court, which found that the Commissioner did not have the power to expand the definitions of a "subversive statement".

Passengers cheer jet's mercy diversion



Susan Watt being carried from the BA Jumbo jet by doctors at RAF St Mawgan in Cornwall yesterday

Jumbo takes ill girl to air base

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A girl aged 12 was recovering in a Cornish hospital last night after an asthma attack at 35,000 ft almost stopped her breathing and led to a Jumbo jet with 370 passengers on board making an emergency landing at a remote Royal Air Force base.

Susan Watt, from Birmingham, was on her way home with her family from a holiday in Orlando, Florida, when the asthma attack struck.

She first complained of feeling ill as British Airways flight BA264 was an hour into the final leg of its journey to Heathrow airport after a technical stop at Bermuda.

Captain Barry Stevens, in charge of the nearly full aircraft, was told that there was a sick passenger on board but that there was no immediate emergency and therefore no need to divert.

But as Miss Louise Westwick and Mr Colin Falloon, two of the cabin crew, gave first aid to the girl, it became clear that her condition was worsening.

First they moved her to the First Class section and broke open the emergency medical supplies to give her an inhalant especially for asthmatics.

The captain then appealed for a doctor but there was none on board.

Miss Jo Symes, a nurse who was accompanying another patient, heard the announcement and offered her help.

She spent the next four hours kneeling beside the gradually deteriorating girl.

By the time the 747 was within 45 minutes' flying time of the English coast Susan had lost consciousness and Miss Symes was worried for her survival.

Captain Stevens called the RAF at the St Mawgan Nimrod base in Cornwall for permission to make an emergency landing.

The huge aircraft made a perfect first-time approach and touch-down and was met by a Royal Navy Wessex helicopter and an American medical specialist who happened to be visiting the base.

The child was carried at a run from the aircraft almost as it came to a halt, put on board the helicopter and taken to hospital at Truro, Cornwall, where her condition was later said to be "very comfortable".

Her parents were by her bedside and Susan she had been able to sit up and speak to them, the hospital said. It was unable to say when the girl would be going home.

As the aircraft took off again for the final one hour's flight back to Heathrow the passengers broke into spontaneous applause as news of Susan's the girl's apparent recovery was made known.

"We knew that that could easily have been one of our children", one passenger said.

Court hears Mandela's view

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed African National Congress (ANC) leader, gave evidence this week at the trial of nine men convicted of terrorism in the Natal division of the South African Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg.

Mr Mandela, aged 68, has been in jail since 1962. He did not appear in person, but gave his views to the court through Mr A. Magid, the defence counsel, who visited him in Pollsmoor Prison last Sunday.

Mr Magid's court testimony provided a rare opportunity for a leading ANC figure to explain in public inside South Africa the organization's reasons for resorting to violence. The ANC is outlawed, and in normal circumstances public expression of its views are suppressed.

Mr Magid said Mr Mandela told him that from 1952 three requests by the ANC for consultations with the Government to discuss South Africa's future were rejected. By 1961, a year after the ANC had been banned, many small groups of inexperienced people were beginning to plan violence.

It was then that Mr Mandela recommended the ANC form its own military corps because these groups would be better disciplined and controlled if they were not left to their own devices.

Mr Mandela's evidence did not deter the judge from sentencing the nine accused, all black Africans or Indians, to sentences ranging from six to 12 years each for conspiring to assist the ANC to overthrow the Government.

Townsend Thoresen accept ferry blame

Continued from page 1

doors were open was avoidable human error both afloat and ashore.

"There was no reason why those on board, the master or the senior master, should not have had a system which ensured that the loading officer checked that the doors were closed. All that was required was a slight delay before the chief officer went to the bridge."

But he accepted that there were no express instructions in the senior master's or the owners' standing orders that the bow doors had to be closed.

He listed four measures which had been taken since the capsize which the company believed would prevent any repetition. Instructions had been issued that positive reports had to be made to the bridge regarding the closing of the bow and stern doors. Indicator lights had been installed on the bridge of ferries. Closed circuit television was being installed so that the state of the car deck could be observed from the bridge. A senior executive of the parent P & O shipping group had been appointed to review all practices.

Mr Terry Ayling, the ferry's bosun, told the inquiry that about half an hour before the it sailed he had told the assistant bosun, Mr Marc Stanley, that "he could go" as he had completed the work he had to do. But he had expected Mr Stanley to return to the car deck to close the bow doors when "harbour stations" were sounded shortly before the ferry was due to sail. However, it has already been stated that Mr Stanley had dozed off in his cabin

Waldheim 'conscience clear'

Vienna (AP) – President Waldheim of Austria, who has been barred from entering the United States because of allegations about a Nazi past, reiterated yesterday that he had a clear conscience, and told fellow Austrians: "You can trust me".

In a speech on national radio and television, Dr Waldheim said: "However much this situation moves me, I am deeply convinced that truth and justice will win out.

"Let me emphasize to you that there can be no proof of guilty conduct."

Dr Waldheim repeated that he had already asked unnamed researchers to prepare a "White Book" about his activities during the Second World War.

"This documentation will be made available to the public shortly," he said, without giving details.

The President said the US decision against him was "dismaying and incomprehensible," and thanked the Austrian Government for its support.

He referred to the difficulties of those who were "thrown into the terrible war".

"That was the fate of my generation and we will have to carry it with us our whole life long: that is, the knowledge of the horror of war and the will to work for more peace.

"But I was on the side of those who worked for peace," Dr Waldheim added. "First as diplomat for our Fatherland. Then 10 years as United Nations secretary general."

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky told a news conference that the proceess used by Washington to reach its decision "is one that cannot be followed by the Austrian people and the Austrian Government and is therefore incomprehensible."

"The known charges against President Kurt Waldheim are not proven and are therefore rejected," Herr Vranitzky said, reading the text of what he said was a government statement.

"The federal Government will take all steps to protect the head of state . . . from unjustified accusations," he said. Asked if this meant that Austria would take legal action against the United States, Herr Vranitzky said it was too early to reply.

He said the Government was waiting for a full report from the Austrian Ambassador in Washington, who arrived back in Vienna yesterday for consultations.

● **BRUSSELS:** President Waldheim was given ample opportunity to refute charges of complicity in Nazi atrocities before the decision to ban him from visiting the United States was taken, the US Attorney-General, Mr Edwin Meese, said here yesterday (Our Correspondent writes).

Isolated President, page 7

Honda to build £100m British engine plant

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Honda is to build a £100 million engine and transmission plant alongside its small existing factory at Swindon in Wiltshire.

The highly automated plant will employ 150 people to build 70,000 engines and gearboxes to be installed in Austin Rover and Honda mid-size models built at the British company's Longbridge plant in Birmingham.

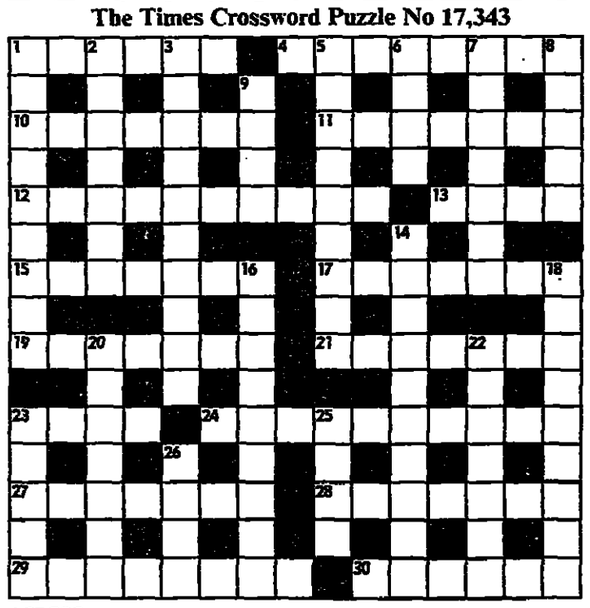
Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday: "The new agreemeent is a further important stage in the relationship between Austin Rover and Honda." The Swindon plants would be an important factor in ensuring that the new cars had a high level of local content.

Honda announced the plans for the new engine plant, its second outside Japan, yesterday morning when Mr Graham Day, chairman of Austin Rover and Mr Tadashi Kume, Honda's president, signed a manufacturing agreement for a new range of mid-size cars to be launched in 1989.

Austin Rover will build at Longbridge its own version of the jointly designed and developed car, code-named AR8, and the Honda sister car, YY. Under the terms of the reciprocal agreement Honda will build both models at its Suzuka plant near Tokyo. AR8 derivatives will replace the Maestro Hatchback and Rover 200 Saloon models.

The agreement follows the successful pattern set by the Rover 800 and Honda Legend executive cars which were jointly developed and share many components.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,343



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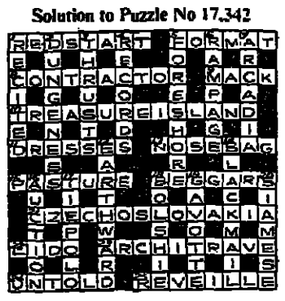
1 A miracle here: Soviet approval for a capitalist country (6).
4 Protector for a new rose stem (8).
10 Consumed by almost fully-grown fawn (7).
11 Sauce made from weed – technique is concealed (7).
12 Classical poet displays well-bred revulsion for courtship (10).
13 Like Blake's rose? Well, no (4).
15 Was he cut into jelly by Beowulf? (7)
17 It sounds time to skip a page (7).
19 We are told tyre is on the back of the car (7).
21 Make an anagram of "command" (7).
23 Frisk the captain (4)
24 He may have to make a square out of an oval (10).
27 Milky resin given to a duck (7).
28 One would remember getting over this (7).
29 Grazing animals always rejected this plant (8).
30 Move confidently along the block (6).

DOWN

1 Charlie once so called in France (9).
2 Holding up a Paris street? Nobody would have the nerve (7).
3 Fall of dusk marred fabulous forewarning of invasion (6,4).
5 Have more old-fashioned character (9).
6 Spikes Antony borrowed (4).
7 One's lifetime is hard, as Cervantes wrote (7).
8 Sharp twist exposes some latent weakness (5).
9 Its purpose is to eliminate excitement (4).
14 Dandy Spaniard has gold – his surplus goes in the bank (5,5).
16 Series of shots at the last minute from one side (9).
18 Extraction and distillation of neat grape (9).
20 Distressing result of sitting in front of "The Sweeney?" (7).
22 In Attic township, over three-quarters is private land (7).
23 Little girl responsible for a law barring her inheritance (5).
25 Aloft, because in a tree (4).
26 Where to draw properly (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,342



WEATHER

General situation: high pressure will drift into Europe as low pressure approaches from the south-west. Most of England, Wales and Scotland will have another very warm day, but it will be generally more cloudy especially in the south. South-west England, south Wales and Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy with some showery outbreaks of rain and there is just a chance of a shower developing in other central and southern parts of England and Wales. The far north of Scotland will remain dull and misty with a little rain at times. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain. Noticeably cooler.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	22	72	Madrid	f	19	66
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Majorca	s	23	73
Alex'dria	c	28	82	Malaga	f	21	70
Algiers	c	22	72	Malta	f	21	70
Amst'dm	s	21	70	Melb'rne	c	15	59
Athens	c	13	55	Mexico C'	f	20	68
Bahrain	s	28	82	Miami*	c	26	79
Barbados*	c	30	86	Milan	s	17	63
Barcelona	f	18	64	Montreal*	s	16	61
Beirut				Moscow	f	10	50
Belgrade	f	13	55	Munich	s	16	61
Berlin	s	16	61	Nairobi	f	26	79
Bermuda*	f	24	75	Naples	s	19	66
Biarritz	f	25	77	N Delhi	s	33	91
Borde'x	f	25	77	N York*	s	13	55
Brussels	s	21	70	Nice	s	19	66
Budapst	s	13	55	Oslo	s	19	66
B Aires*	f	20	68	Paris	s	21	70
Cairo	s	31	88	Peking	s	22	72
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Perth	s	22	72
C'blanca	f	20	68	Prague	s	13	55
Chicago*	s	19	66	Reykjvik	sn	1	34
Ch'church	f	18	64	Rhodes	r	15,	59
Cologne	s	20	68	Rio de J	c	24	75
C'phagn	s	16	64	Riyadh	s	35	95
Corfu	f	15	59	Rome	s	21	70
Dublin	s	17	63	Salzburg	s	17	63
Dubrovnik	s	18	61	S F'disco*	s	16	61
Faro	f	20	68	Santiago*	s	24	75
Florence	s	22	72	Seoul	s	19	66
Frankfurt	s	19	66	Sing'por	th	31	88
Funchal	c	19	66	St'kholm	s	16	61
Geneva	s	19	66	Strasb'rg	s	21	70
Gibraltar	s	21	70	Sydney	f	27	81
Helsinki	f	12	54	Tangier	f	21	70
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Innsbrck	s	17	63	Tenerife	s	24	75
Istanbul	f	10	50	Tokyo	s	20	68
Jeddah	s	13	55	Toronto*	f	15	59
Jo'burg*	th	21	70	Tunis	f	19	66
Karachi	s	33	91	Valencia	f	20	68
L Palmas	s	22	72	Vanc'ver*	s	17	63
Le Touet	f	22	72	Venice	s	25	77
Lisbon	f	19	66	Vienna	s	12	54
Locarno	c	17	63	Warsaw	r	8	46
L Angels*	c	16	61	Wash'ton*			
Luxembg	s	18	64	Wel'ton	s	16	61
				Zurich	s	18	64

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	12.5	-	21	70	sunny
Bridlington	12.0	-	14	57	sunny
Cromer	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Lowestoft	10.3	-	13	55	sunny
Clacton	8.1	-	13	55	sunny
Southend	9.2	-	16	61	sunny
Margate	*	-	14	57	sunny
Folkestone	9.5	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	11.9	-	20	68	sunny
Eastbourne	12.4	-	15	59	sunny
Brighton	12.2	-	19	66	sunny
Worthing	12.8	-	17	63	sunny
Littlehmptn	12.7	-	19	66	sunny
Bognor R	12.4	-	15	59	sunny
Southsea	12.6	-	16	61	sunny
Sandown	12.4	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	12.6	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	11.8	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	11.4	-	19	66	sunny
Swanage	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	11.6	-	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	12.3	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	12.3	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	13.4	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	*	-	17	63	sunny
Penzance	11.9	-	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.3	-	16	61	sunny
Jersey	13.8	-	21	70	sunny
Guernsey	13.2	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	12.2	-	20	68	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	-	18	64	sunny
Minehead	11.3	-	18	64	sunny
B'pool Airpt	11.0	-	20	68	sunny
Morecambe	11.4	-	19	66	sunny
Douglas	11.8	-	17	63	sunny
B'ham Airpt	8.7	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol (Cnl)	8.9	-	22	72	sunny
Carlisle	10.3	-	19	66	sunny
London	4.8	-	21	70	sunny
Manchester	10.6	-	21	70	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	9.8	-	23	73	sunny
Nottingham	6.4	-	21	70	fog
Anglesey	10.5	-	21	70	sunny
Cardiff (Cnl)	9.6	-	20	68	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.6	-	17	63	sunny
Tenby	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	8.6	-	24	75	sunny
Edinburgh	10.4	-	23	73	sunny
Eskdalemuir	8.4	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	7.5	-	20	68	sunny
Kinloss	7.5	-	22	72	sunny
Lerwick	3.0	-	11	52	bright
Prestwick	9.2	-	18	61	sunny
Stornoway	6.5	-	13	55	sunny
Tiree	-	-	9	48	fog
Wick	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Belfast	8.4	-	22	72	sunny

These are Monday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.26	7.1	3.51	7.1
Aberdeen	2.52	4.0	3.01	4.1
Avonmouth	8.55	13.3	9.11	13.3
Belfast	12.22	3.2	12.42	3.2
Cardiff	8.40	12.2	8.56	12.2
Devonport	7.28	5.4	7.44	5.4
Dover	12.25	8.8	12.49	8.4
Falmouth	8.58	5.2	7.14	5.2
Glasgow	2.15	4.8	2.41	4.8
Harwich	1.14	3.9	1.39	3.9
Holyhead	11.55	6.5	---	---
Hull	7.55	7.2	8.06	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.39	9.0	7.58	8.9
Leith	4.07	4.4	4.21	5.5
Liverpool	12.37	9.2	12.54	9.3
Lowestoft	11.16	2.3	11.20	2.4
Margate	1.22	4.7	1.55	4.6
Milford Haven	7.52	6.9	8.06	6.8
Newquay	6.42	6.9	6.56	6.8
Oban	7.16	3.9	7.24	3.8
Penzance	6.25	5.5	6.42	5.5
Portland	8.42	2.1	8.52	2.1
Portsmouth	12.50	4.7	1.09	4.6
Shoreham	12.34	6.2	12.51	6.1
Southampton	12.15	4.5	12.32	4.4
Swansea	8.02	9.5	8.14	9.4
Tees	5.17	5.2	5.30	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.07	4.2	1.34	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

THE POUND

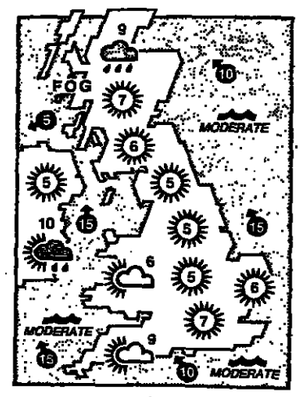
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.46	2.52
Austria Sch	21.75	20.65
Belgium Fr	64.65	61.25
Canada $	2.288	2.178
Denmark Kr	11.60	11.00
Finland Mkk	7.64	7.14
France Fr	10.25	9.75
Germany Dm	3.09	2.93
Greece Dr	221	211
Hong Kong $	13.35	12.65
Ireland Pr	1.156	1.096
Italy Lire	2200	2090
Japan Yen	243	229
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.30
Norway Kr	11.46	10.86
Portugal Esc	238	225
South Africa Rd	4.45	3.85
Spain Pts	213.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	10.77	10.22
Switzerland Fr	2.53	2.40
USA $	1.725	1.645
Yugoslavia Dnr	1080	960

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

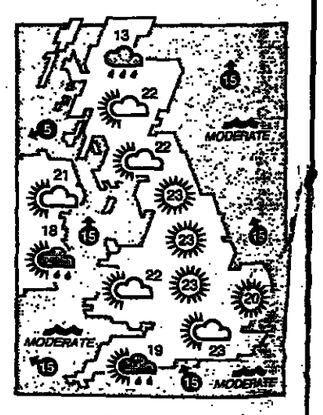
Retail Price Index: 100.8

London: The FT Index closed up 24.2 at 1585.4

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.50 pm to 5.06 am
Bristol 8.59 pm to 5.15 am
Edinburgh 9.17 pm to 5.03 am
Manchester 9.04 pm to 5.08 am
Penzance 9.07 pm to 5.31 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 23C(73F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C(46F) Humidity: 6 pm,46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 11.9hrs Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,019.7 millibars, steady 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

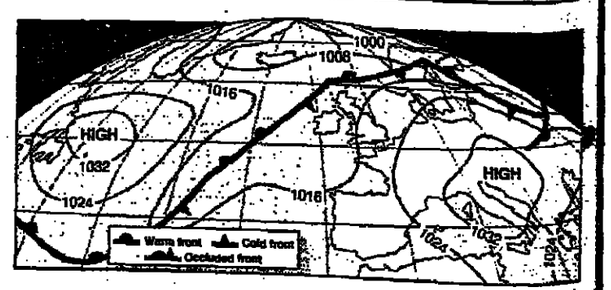
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s	18	64	Guernsey	s	18	64
B'mingham	s	20	68	Inverness	s	21	70
Blackpool	s	20	68	Jersey	s	21	70
Bristol	s	21	70	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	s	20	68	M'chester	s	20	68
Edinburgh	s	19	66	Newcastle	s	20	68
Glasgow	s	20	68	R'nidsway	s	13	55

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 22C(72F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C(48F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 13.0hr.

Sun rises: 5.38 am
Sun sets: 8.20 pm
Moon rises 5.50 am
Moon sets 10.37 pm
First Quarter May 6

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1589.4 (+24.2)

FT-SE 100
2022.1 (+35.5)

Bargains
37883 (38877)

USM (Datastream)
164.68 (+0.91)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6520 (–0.0135)

W German mark
2.9686 (+0.0040)

Trade-weighted
72.9 (same)

Base rates in single figures

Banks cut lending to 9.5 per cent

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The high street banks yesterday cut base rates from 10 to 9.5 per cent, after a surprise signal from the Bank of England.

The move, which takes base rates into single figures for the first time since January 1985, was in response to another strong rise for sterling.

The sterling index rose to 73.1 yesterday morning, in spite of a dollar recovery. Treasury officials said that the Chancellor had repeatedly stated his commitment to sterling stability.

The Bank of England is understood to have conceded a reduction in rates after heavy intervention in the past few days to hold down sterling, particularly against the dollar.

Indications are that this intervention has totalled more than £1 billion, and that the official reserves for April, to be published next Tuesday, will show a rise of $1.5-2 billion.

The round of rate cuts was led by Barclays, and followed by the other clearing banks, after the Bank of England cut its money market dealing rates in Band Two and Band Four bills at 12.30.

Although market pressure had been building for a rate cut, the timing was a surprise, as underlined by the fact that some of the discount houses dealt at the existing higher rates just prior to the Bank's move.

The Bank has demonstrated that it will proceed cautiously in cutting interest rates, and is clearly reluctant to continue to intervene heavily to hold down sterling. Thus, a further sterling surge could pose problems.

Mr John Shepperd, an economist at Warburg Securities, said:"Sterling looks remarkably resilient. I would not be surprised to see money market rates edge down towards 9 per cent and for pressure to build up for another cut."

But Mr Glenn Davies, economist at Laing & Cruickshank, said: "The Chancellor has realized the problem of allowing sterling to rise. This is probably the last base rate cut to get through before the election."

There is speculation that yesterday's interest rate move by the British authorities could be part of a concerted *attempt by leading countries* to bolster the dollar. Mr Stephen Lewis, head of economic research at Phillips & Drew, said that the cut could be the start of a round of European interest rate reductions, to be followed by the Bundesbank at its Council meeting tomorrow.

The reduction in base rates came just three days before the cut in mortgage rates to 11.25 per cent by the building societies takes effect. Building societies had said that they expected another rate cut when announcing their intention of reducing the mortgage rate soon after the Budget.

But Mr John Bayliss, a general manager at the Abbey National, rejected suggestions that the base rate cut got the societies out of a difficult position. And Mr John Spalding, chief executive at the Halifax, said that a further cut in mortgage rates would come under consideration if base rates fell by another half a point to 9 per cent.

In its second surprise of the day, the Bank of England announced a £1 billion tap stock – Treasury 8½ per cent 2000 – during the afternoon.



Mark Pepper

High expectations: Paul Channon,left, and Sir Francis at R-R's flotation yesterday

Rolls-Royce share price of 170p sets minimum stake at £680

By Alexandra Jackson

Shares in Rolls-Royce, the international aero-engines group, will cost 170p when the company returns to the stock market next month after an absence of 16 years. It is the fifteenth company to be privatized by the Government since 1979.

Payment will be in two equal instalments of 85p – one payable on application, the other on September 23. The minimum application of 400 shares will cost £680. The Government is not aiming to attract the small investor.

Certain institutional investors are being given preferential allocation of 60 per cent of the shares although if the issue is more than two times oversubscribed this will be reduced to 50 per cent.

The price is about 10p higher than City commentators had expected and, according to one, leaves little room for manoeuvre if market conditions change between now and the first day of dealings, scheduled for May 19.

At the time of the launch of the pathfinder prospectus earlier this month, the sponsors of the issue have recieved 250,000 inquiries. By yesterday, when the price was announced, the level of inquiries had more than doubled to 550,000.

Mr Ian Wild, analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, believes that Rolls-Royce has considerable long-term potential but he is lukewarm about the pricing. "There is nothing to get enthusiastic about at this time," he said. The full prospectus will be published on April 30 and application forms will be available thereafter. Applications must be submitted by 10am on May 7.

The underwriting and subunderwriting of the issue have been arranged at very competitive rates. According to Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank acting as financial advisers to the Goverment, the costs of the issue are lower by a considerable margin than for any other privatization.

In the year to December 31, Rolls-Royce, whose chairman is Sir Francis Tombs, made pretax profits of £120 million on turnover of £1.8 billion. On a pro forma basis, assuming the benefit of the issue throughout the period, pretax profits would have been £148 million.

The Government will subscribe for a golden share which will ensure that Rolls-Royce cannot pass out of British control. The proportion of foreign owned shares will be limited to 15 per cent of the whole.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said yesterday that the usual precautions were being taken to detect multiple aplications

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Extel share price leaps on bid talk

Shares in Extel, the publishing and news information group, soared yesterday, increasing speculation that it could receive a takeover bid this week.

Offers to buy the 26 per cent stake in Extel held by Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, have to be in today. The stock market believes a buyer will use the stake to launch a full-scale takeover attempt.

The shares went from 477p to a peak of 510p at one stage yesterday, valuing the business at about £216 million, before coming back to 503p.

Norcros battle

The hard-fought takeover battle for Norcros, the building group, closes today with the predator, Williams Holdings, last night claiming it had 25.6 per cent of Norcros – a little more than 6 per cent held directly, and 19.5 per cent represented by acceptances.

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Tarmac builds

Tarmac, the housebuilding and building material group, lifted profits 26 per cent last year to £170.5 million. Earnings per share rose from 28.2p to 35.7p. Turnover grew 11 per cent to £1.7 billion. A final dividend of 8.64p is recommended.

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Tootal record

Tootal, the thread-to-clothes group, reported record profits of £30.2 million for the year to January 31, up 10 per cent. The dividend is raised by 0.25p to 4.25p.

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Dollar recovers against the yen

By Our Economics Correspondent

The dollar recovered ground yesterday, rising back to the key Y140 level against the yen. Sterling was undented by the half-point cut in base rates.

Share prices rose strongly, encouraged by the cut in base rates, good first-quarter figures from ICI and an optimistic CBI survey. The FT-SE 100 index jumped by 35.5 points to 2,022.1.

The FT 30 share index rose by 24.2 points to 1,589.4, as Monday's nerves disappeared.

The Tokyo market was weak, with the Nikkei Dow index falling by 182.55 points to 22,889.86, but dealers said that there was no evidence of a free-fall for Japanese share prices.

In early trading in New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was up by 12.7 points to 2,243.31.

The dollar maintained the strength shown late on Monday, rising from Y138.30 to Y140 against the yen and from DM1.78 to DM1.7970 against the mark.

Dealers said that, while bearish sentiment about the dollar remained, Monday's restatement by White House officials of the Reagan Administration's desire not to see it fall further had prompted a short-term recovery.

The pound slipped by 1.35 cents to $1.6520 against the stronger dollar, but gained against other currencies, rising by half a pfennig to DM2.9707 in spite of the reduction in base rates.

The sterling index closed unchanged on the day, at 72.9, having risen to 73.1 at noon, just before the Bank of England-led cut in interest rates.

There was optimism in the money markets about the prospects for further base-rate cuts. The three-month interbank rate closed at 9 11/16–9 9/16 per cent – in line with the new level of base rates – and down by ⅛ of a point on the day.

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Industry survey 'best for years'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's manufacturing industry yesterday provided Mrs Thatcher with further pre-election confirmation that the economy is at its most buoyant level for a decade but warned that the boom might be short lived.

As interest rates were falling, the Confederation of British Industry unveiled the results of its quarterly survey showing a boom in orders, rising exports, increasing productivity and a "dramatic" slowing down of redundancies in manufacturing.

The survey was described by the employers' organization as "the most optimistic for many years" but while the interest rate cut was welcomed, CBI leaders made clear it was not enough.

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, stressed: "The cut is a step in the right direction, but we hope to see another reduction soon."

The CBI believes that, even at the new lower levels, interest rates do not match those of Britain's leading competitors and still need to come down by another half per cent. This, with the strong pound, makes it more difficult for British firms to be competitive and make adequate export margins, it said.

CBI leaders remain worried about the prospect of United States protectionism and a world trade war, the reluctance of the Japanese to tackle their balance of payments surplus and a slowdown in the West German economy, all of which were said to "cast a dark shadow" over long term prospects for world trade.

Mr Wigglesworth said there was no reason to be euphoric about the long term situation although "at the moment the economy is strong and the outlook for the immediate future is good".

Despite the uncertainties, the CBI survey, highly respected by the Treasury for the accuracy of its forecasts, is bound to provide the Government with a boost to its general election hopes.

Among the significant figures is the prediction that fuller order books will decelerate the fall in manufacturing employment from an average of 5,000 a month in the first quarter of the year to just 1,500 a month in the second quarter.

However, Mr Wigglesworth said that while the slow down of job losses was very positive, there was no evidence that manufacturing industry would start to hire more workers "in the foreseeable future". In contrast to Government predictions of a fall in total unemployment to under three million by the summer, the CBI says this will not occur until the middle of next year. "Industry has become a lot more efficient, but the rest of the world is not standing still," he said.

The survey, covering 1,463 companies representing half of manufacturing exports and employment, shows that one in three firms expect to increase their orders in the next four months, the highest level since 1977. A big increase in the number of companies proposing to increase capital investment, the highest for two years, and the CBI estimates that investment by industry will be 4 per cent higher this year than in 1986.

Growth in manufacturing output will rise from 3.6 per cent a year in the first quarter to 4.1 per cent in the second.



David Wigglesworth: cut in interest rates 'not enough'

Frosty US awaits Nakasone

From Bailey Morris and Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, arrives in Washington today for a state visit he has described as the most important of his political career.

He will find the atmosphere unpromising, in spite of President Reagan calling Republican leaders to the White House yesterday in an attempt to head off trade reform that he considers dangerously protectionist.

Even foes of the omnibus trade legislation that would require the President to take mandatory action against nations enjoying large trade surpluses with the United States expect it to go through.

"Protectionism is no longer a dirty word," said one congressman. He noted that more than one-third of the deficit is with Japan. More important, there is a widespread perception in the United States that Japan has not played by the rules in closing its markets to Western goods.

There is little that Mr Nakasone can pull out of the hat this week to change these perceptions. The measures he will propose to head off a trade war after the US imposition of punitive tariffs against Japan are regarded as more of the same.

"I am heartsick that Japan has not been more forthcoming. Their stubborness will not help me on the floor of the US House," said Mr Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

He is opposed to the surplus nations amendment introduced by Mr Richard Gephardt, a democratic presidential candidate, which would require retaliatory measures.

The Gephardt amendment has received strong bipartisan support this year because it is regarded as the cudgel which will force Japan to execute past promises to stimulate its economy and reduce barriers to Western goods. "Japan has a backlog of unfulfilled promises to the US," said senator John Danforth, a Republican who supports strong action.

Other Republican leaders made it clear that they will not be swayed easily. Representative Bob Michel, the Republican minority leader, said after the White House meeting there there was strong feeling in both parties about "our incapacity as a country to compete on an equal basis with Japan."

BP raises Standard share offer

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP has responded to opposition from small shareholders of Standard Oil of Ohio by increasing its offer to buy the outstanding shares in the company it does not already own.

It has raised its bid from $70 a share to $71.50 – a move which will increase the total offer from $7.4 billion (£4.48 billion) to $7.56 billion and which will be easily met from BP's cash reserves.

It is also offering shareholders who sell warrants to buy American Depository Receipts in BP on the US market for a price of $80 within the next five years. One warrant will be issued for every five shares sold to BP.

Initially, BP said its opening offer would not be increased, but opposition to its valuation of Standard Oil, particulary from the Standard's financial adviser, the First Bank of Boston, which claimed the company was worth "$85 a share, led to a lack of enthusiasm among small shareholders to sell to BP.

The company is now confident of winning full ownership of its US subsidiary by May 11 when the new offer lapses following a decision by lawyers representing the smaller Standard Oil shareholders to drop their opposition to the bid.

They will formally withdraw their complaints against BP, in the Cuyahoga County Court of Commons Pleas in Cleveland, Ohio, allowing the bid to proceed.

The prospect of a settlement to the issue put 35p on BP shares yesterday, lifting them to 914p and more than covering the increased cost of the new offer.

Bid for Contibel disrupts dealings

By Michael Tate

A takeover bid for Contibel, the company formed to acquire the Belgian interests of Imperial Continental Gas Association, yesterday brought chaos to the stock *market and left shareholders* in confusion.

The bid, which arrived shortly after the stock market had opened, and only minutes before it was due to start trading in Contibel shares for the first time, came from the Belgian companies, Tractebel and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, and valued the shares at 278p each.

Surprisingly, the terms, which value Contibel at £395.2 million, came with a recommendation from the Contibel board, even though the company had been independently valued at £484.3 million.

First dealings in the shares were promptly postponed while listing particulars were amended. However, confusion arose because the marketmakers had already primed the Stock Exchange dealing system with their plans to begin trading at about 320p.

The waters were further muddied by overnight talk of an imminent bid, which, both Contibel and the Belgian consortium argued, had persuaded the market-makers to quote a price higher than they *would otherwise have done.*

The independent valuation, equivalent to 339p a share, was contained in last month's document setting out the reconstruction of IC Gas, the scheme which gave birth to Contibel.

Yesterday Mr Brian Wilmot, deputy chairman of IC Gas, said a discount of about 18 per cent was "acceptable" for a company like Contibel, which is effectively an investment trust. He added: "The Belgians would not have raised their buying price any further. The fact that the cash was on the table, and bearing in mind the tax disadvantages that we faced of paying UK dividends out of Belgian profits, we decided it was sensible to recommend acceptance."

However, there was considerable doubt last night about how many shareholders would want to follow their board's advice and accept 278p

ICI makes £100m a month

By Carol Ferguson

For the first time in its 60-year history, Imperial Chemical Industries has reported quarterly profits of more than £300 million. Pretax profits surged to £334 million for the three months to March 31, 63 per cent up on the previous year. The shares rose 65p to £13.22p.

However, the company sounded a note of caution. During the quarter, oil prices rose to around $18 a barrel, sterling strengthened against the US dollar and had started to do so against the mark. The company said these factors brought some uncertainty. Turnover was £2.76 billion, a 5 per cent volume increase on the fourth quarter of last year.

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PINECHURCH UNITED STATES GROWTH FUND LIMITED

("the Fund")

(Incorporated in Bermuda as an Exempt Company)

The Board of the Fund announce the following unaudited results for the period ended 31st March, 1987.

	Period Covered 1.10.86 - 31.3.87	Previous Period Covered 1.10.85 - 25.3.86
Gross Revenue for period covered	US$ 120,593	US$ 181,886
Net (Deficit) Revenue (after interest charged, withholding taxes and expenses but before payment of any dividends and deficit surplus b/fwd from previous period)	US$ (78,538)	US$ (17,661)
Interim dividend declared per share	None	None
Total amount absorbed by interim dividend	Nil	Nil
Net assets	US$ 35,969,185	US$ 34,668,460
Net asset value per US$0.25 share	US$ 14.48	US$ 11.81

Guernsey
Date:
1st April, 1987

For and on behalf of the Board
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As Administrators of the Fund

Banks should lend only on commercial basis, Select Committee says

MPs attack Third World lending plan

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

A Parliamentary Select Committee yesterday attacked the so-called Baker Plan for solving the developing country debt problem and said that bank lending to Third World countries should be on a purely commercial basis.

It also criticized banks for making too little provision against bad debts and called for stronger Bank of England powers to encourage this process.

The report from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, chaired by Mr Terence Higgins, the Conservative MP, concluded that the debt situation had deteriorated substantially over the past year.

Banks were lending more money to developing countries, especially Mexico, Argentina and Brazil, to justify the sinking value of their existing loans to these borrowers. Although the committee supported the Baker Plan's insistence on sound internal economic policies by borrowers, it did not support the proposal that commercial banks should lend more.

"The banks' strategy ought to be to reduce and not increase their exposures in this direction," it said. New loans should be made only when the borrower's difficulties looked like being temporary.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, advanced his plan in 1985, proposing a programme of new lending to debtor countries including $30 billion (£18.07 billion) from commercial banks. Although the scheme was broadly welcomed at the time, it has so far failed to materialize in the way described by Mr Baker.

The committee said that banks were too often protecting their own positions which were dangerously weak because of inadequate provisioning against bad debt. If banks did not respond, the Bank of England should be given new powers to insist on adequate provisioning by banks, the report said.

Any further net transfer of resources, particularly to the big Latin American borrowers, should be the responsibility of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. But no pressure to lend more should be exerted on commercial banks by governments or central banking authorities.

"If a government specifically wishes wishes to support a particular debtor, they should do so at their own hand rather than by leaning on the banks," the committee said.

It concluded that there was no reason to give the Latin American borrowers any preferential treatment in lending. At present they tended to receive more loans at lower margins which only diverted resources from countries which also needed to borrow.

At the same time, measures should be taken to prevent capital flight from large borrowing countries, and Britian should consider giving more financial support to the World Bank and the Inter American Development Bank.

The Committee considered also the process of securitization. It said that as more high quality debt was securitized the value of bank assets declined which reinforced the argument for banks to increase their bad debt provisions.

It called for West Germany and Japan, as two of the world's largest economies, to put their domestic economic policy aims within a wider international framework. This would maintain the "locomotive" role of Western economies.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2237.93 (+7.39)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	22889.86 (–182.55)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2617.08 (–19.39)
Amsterdam: Gen	280.2 (+1.8)
Sydney: AO	1749.0 (–50.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1783.7 (+34.3)
Brussels:	
General	4601.64 (–9.64)
Paris: CAC	450.2 (–2.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	527.10 (–3.5)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	91.56 (–0.08)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month interbank 9 9/16–9 7/16%
3-month eligible bills: 9 3/32–9 1/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7¾%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.83-5.82%*
30-year bonds 88 26/32–88 13/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6520	£: $1.6570*
£: DM2.9686	$: DM1.7940*
£: SwFr2.4284	$: SwFr1.4680*
£: FFr9.8996	$: FFr5.9825*
£: Yen231.28	$: Yen139.80*
£: Index:72.9	$: Index:100.5
ECU £0.702109	SDR £0.785281

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

ICI	1312p (+55p)
BP	912p (+33p)
Royal Insurance	918p (+20p)
BPB Inds.	700p (+26p)
Triplex	147p (+21p)
Hunting Assoc.	452p (+26p)
Bass	937p (+35p)
Southend Stadium	559p (+23p)
Read Intnl.	407p (+22p)
Combined Eng.	309p (+26p)
GUS 'A'	1325p (+35p)
Coates Viyella	588p (+22p)
Dura Mill	160p (+22p)
Merivale Moore	378p (+75p)
Rosehaugh	860p (+42p)
Manganese Bronze	193p (+20p)

FALLS:

Minty	900p (–25p)
Scott & Robertson	225p (–10p)
Ratners	359p (–13p)
Cons. Gold	965p (–19p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $456.75 pm-$453.00
close $449.00-450.00 (£271.75-272.50)
New York:
Comex $449.60-450.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $17.95bbl ($17.98)
* Denotes latest trading price

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walls. Mr Barkshire said yesterday that he had contemplated all the stories with fascination, and said the changing of the structure con-

than follow the stock Mr Lake's researches show that in the last 22 years it has been wrong to sell in May on

"There's a Mr Mickey Mouse from the Bank of England . .

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Triplex pays £6m for Hillaldam Coburn

Triplex, the West Midlands engineering and building components group, is paying £6 million for Hillaldam Coburn, which supplies aluminium sliding patio doors to the building trade.

The company earned pretax profits of £736,000 last year on turnover of £7.5 million. Mr Jim Doel, chief executive of Triplex, said: "Our eight previous acquisitions since December 1985 have either been turnround situations or small in comparison. Hillaldam Coburn has a proven record of strong profit growth and, in terms of scale, represents the equivalent of another division to add to our existing operations."

LCE names 'local' trader



Mr *Phillip Barnett* (right), one of the first 20 "locals" – individuals acting on their own account – who will be allowed to trade on the London Commodity Exchange and International Petroleum Exchange when they move to Commodity Quay at the end of this month. To date, only companies could trade.

Directors in jeopardy

Six hundred cases which could lead to the disqualification of company directors *are under active consideration by the* Department of Trade and Industry – exactly one year after the introduction of legislation that makes it compulsory for insolvency practitioners and official receivers to report on every director involved in a company failure.

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the legislation, which has already resulted in seven disqualification orders and the start of proceedings against another 60 directors. A further 20 disqualifications were obtained last year under the old law. The Disqualification Unit, which was set up last year *at Companies House to handle the reports, has a target of 85* disqualifications a month within two years.

Norway's oil curbs to stay

Norway is likely to continue restricting its oil output by about 80,000 barrels a day in the second half of the year, the Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Mr Arne Oien said in Houston. He told a conference that the cutback was not part of an agreement *with OPEC. Norway pro*duces about a million barrels of oil a day.

Ward Group up by 29%

Ward Group, makers of steel components for the construction industry, yesterday reported a 29 per cent jump in 1986 profits to £3.28 million. Turnover rose to *£58.94 million from £51.50* million previously and earnings per share were up to *10.3p from 5.9p – and the* board says its markets look buoyant.

£1.3m for Moss Bros

***Moss Bros, which has been hiring out evening wear for more* than a century, made a pretax profit of £1.3 million last year, up from £1.2 million. Turnover rose from £19.5 million to *£21.4 million. The dividend payout goes up from 5.75p to* 6.34p.**

Stock market interest in the company is firmly focused on the future of the group's site in Covent Garden, London – for which it has finally won planning permission to redevelop it into a shop and office complex. The site will be redeveloped with partners andtalks are still going on. On the trading front, the company says the current year has started well with turnover up 14 per cent during the first three months.

STOCK MARKET

Confidence returns as share prices rise

By Michael Clark

It was nothing but good news for the stock market yesterday, allowing investors to regain their confidence and push share prices higher, so wiping out Monday's hefty falls.

Better performances overnight from New York and Tokyo calmed frayed nerves and enabled equities to open higher in early trading. The rally continued, helped by the Bank of England's decision to *relent and give the green light* for lower interest rates. The big four clearing banks responded quickly, trimming their base rates by half a percentage point to 9½ per cent.

Dealers were also cheered by ICI, up 65p at £13.22, which weighed in with first-quarter profits of £334 million – way above market estimates – and a bullish economic *survey from the CBI.*

But the double-figures rises among blue chips failed to reflect the low level of turnover. Many investors remained on the sidelines, clearly anxious not to open new positions ahead of the extended weekend break and next week's local government elections. *This left the hard*-pressed market-makers struggling to keep their books level. Most dealers believe that Tokyo looks overbought, but that London may have some way to go in the run-up to a general election.

In the event, the FT 30 share index finished the day 24.2 up at 1,589.4 as almost £5 billion was added to the value of quoted shares. The broader, FT-SE 100 share index also finished on a high note, leaping by 35.5 to 2,022.1 as New York started firmer in resumed trading.

Government securities opened with gains at the longer end of the market stretching to £½, sensing the move towards cheaper money. But the celebrations proved short-lived with the Government broker taking advantage of the situation and issuing £1 billion of tap – Treasury, 8½ *per cent, 2000. By the close,* the rise had been reduced to just £¼.

Among the leading equities, **Jaguar** shed 1p to 559p as 3.4 million shares were traded following a lunch at the offices of Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker. The group has been trading well, but complains that currency fluctuations have been causing problems. *If the situation deteriorates, it* could affect earnings.

Kleinwort is still looking for pretax profits for 1987 to rise from £120.8 million to £125 million, but the higher estimates among many of the New York broking houses of £140 million appear to be a *little optimistic. Jaguar is* visiting a number of US brokers next week.

The sunny weather continued to attract support for the brewers. **Allied-Lyons** *sparkled with a 10p rise to 402p* after one big buyer picked up 1 million shares. Kleinwort Grieveson did the business.

There were also rise in **Bass**, 35p to 937p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 12p to 489p and **Scottish & Newcastle**, 5p to 240p. **Whitbread "A"** jumped 15p to 348p after being named as share of the month by Phillips & Drew, the broker. **Guinness** also rose, by 3p to *323p, after denials by Hoare* Govett, the broker, that it was trying to place the 41 million shares owned by Bank Leu.

In electricals, **Plessey** held steady at 230p after a visit to its new semi-conducter factory in Plymouth by various institutions. A visit by brokers on Monday revealed an improvement in the semi-conducter market.

STC was a firm market, climbing 11p to 290p following an upgrading by Cazenove, the broker.

Goode Durrant, the financial services group, advanced by 13p to 188p ahead of a bullish circular today from Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker. BZW reckons it is a well-run company, well-placed to embark on a major expansion programme.

Norcros, currently fighting off a bid from **Williams Holdings**, which closes later today, rose 4p to 421p as the war of words between the two sides continued. Williams' financial advisers have again been buying Norcros shares in the market. Williams now has acceptances totalling 18.68 per cent and its shares ended the day 4p lower at 764p.

Elsewhere on the bid front, **Hillards** held steady at 335p following the increased – and final – offer from **Tesco** on Monday. Tesco can now count on 8.2 per cent of Hillards' issued capital and is due to unveil full-year figures later today. These are unlikely to contain any surprises. The group has already forecast pretax profits of £166 million in connection with its bid for Hillards. This compares with £122.9 million last time. Tesco finished 13p higher at a new peak of 495p.

● BZW, the broker, is a fan of Reed International. Its strong balance sheet and cash-generative businesses provide a sound base for a fresh expansion programme. *BZW says this should* result in increased and better-quality earnings. Reed responded with a jump of 22p to 407p.

● We should hear news soon of the appointment of a new chief executive for the Whitlock Corporation, Ward White's US car accessories division. The word is that Mr Philip Birch, the chairman, has managed to lure a top executive from one of Whitlock's biggest rivals.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	4,800	English China	523	Rank Org	843
Amstrad	2,300	Fisons	1,900	Rank Hovis	355
Argyll	2,800	Gen Accident	1,100	Redland	1,200
ASDA-MFI	2,500	GEC	6,800	Reckitt Colman	104
Ass Br Foods	654	Glaxo	758	Reed Int	1,600
BET	480	Globe IT	784	Reuters	405
BTR	2,200	Granada	1,700	RMC Group	491
BAT	1,500	Grand Met	1,300	RTZ	921
Barclays	1,300	GUS 'A'	418	Rowntree	1,000
Bass	1,900	GRE	758	Royal B of Scot	907
Beecham	1,400	GKN	220	Royal Ins	1,600
Blue Circle	920	Guinness	1,800	Saatchi	800
BOC	634	Hanson	5,100	Sainsbury (J)	726
Boots	2,000	Hawker Siddeley	1,200	Sears	10,000
BPB Ind	407	Hillsdown	1,300	Sedgwick Gp	1,300
BPCC	359	Imp Chem Ind	6,000	Shell	2,800
Br Aerospace	1,800	Imp Cont Gas		Smith & Nephew	2,600
Br Airways	2,800	Jaguar	3,400	STC	9,200
Brit Comm	237	Ladbroke	2,100	Stan Chart	653
Br Gas	14,000	Land Securities	1,900	Storehouse	1,900
Br Petroleum	7,800	Legal & Gen	1,800	Sun Alliance	821
Br Telecom	12,000	Lloyds	1,300	Tarmac	3,900
Bristol	5,100	Lonhro	182	TSB P/P	8,600
Bunzl	843	Marks & Spencer	3,900	Tesco	1,700
Burton	7,000	MEPC	1,900	Thorn EMI	1,300
Cable & Wireless	2,700	Midland	556	Trafalgar House	1,400
Cadbury Schwep	10,000	Nat West	857	Trusthouse Forte	4,100
Coats Viyella	1,100	P & O Dfrd	532	Unigate	835
Com Union	2,200	Pearson	512	Unilever	443
Cons Goldfields	681	Pilkington Bros	456	Utd Biscuits	5,800
Cookson Gp	535	Plessey	2,800	Wellcome	533
Courtaulds	1,200	Prudential	759	Whitbread 'A'	3,000
Dee Corp	2,300	Racal Elect	10,000	Woolworth	598
Dixons Gp	2,700				

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TEMPUS

Tarmac battles on to be top housebuilder

A year without issuing paper is almost unheard of at Tarmac, but 1986 was one. As if to cock a snook at its critics, the company demonstrated that it has not lost the ability to grow organically.

The most striking performance was housing. With apparent ease, operating margins rose three points to 14.5 per cent – well above the industry average. Prices varied by region but profitability did not. Seventy per cent of housing profits came from *the south.*

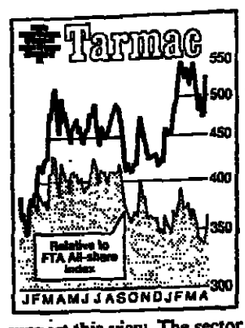
The secret of Tarmac's success is in the tight control maintained at the operational level. Minimal profit derives from rising land values as the land bank is short.

The battle to be Britain's number one housebuilder rages on. Tarmac was number two in 1986 but is the 1987 favourite, aiming to complete 11,000 units – up 7 *per cent.*

Buoyant housing demand was also reflected in better results from quarry products although the general level of activity was also a factor.

Tarmac has been slow to venture into the United States, but is making up for lost time. Including its new *Lone Star interests* the US contribution should double this year to $90 million (£53.25 million). With 35 per cent gearing, further US sorties are probable.

Tarmac is optimistic about 1987 and industry indicators



support this view. The sector *fares* well in the aftermath of an election, regardless of which party wins yesterday's exchange rate cut is another domestic plus.

The shares normally stand on a premium to the sector and the market but have been notable underperformers of late.

If there is the potential for Tarmac to duplicate its successful formula in the US, then the management is still worth backing. However, for the unconvinced, Redland, RMC and Steetley provide cheaper alternatives.

Tootal

It was not so much what Tootal did as the way it did it which caused the market to mark the shares down by 4p to 128p.

Record figures of £30.2 million pretax, up by 10 per cent, were what the market was looking for. But there was some concern about the make-up of the figures among those who were not expecting to see a one-off, above-the-line credit of £4 million, the profit on the restructuring of the South African operation.

This credit helped to offset the £3 million decline in Tootal's thread profits, which made £14.7 million last year, accounting for nearly half of profits.

Part of the problem has been delays in the re-equipping of Tootal's dyehouse near Glasgow, an £8 million investment which took longer to bring on-stream than was at first thought.

The rest has been the need to reposition its US thread business where it has suffered from over-capacity.

Strategically, the acquisition of the thread interests of Standard-Coosa-Thatcher last December takes out one *of its leading competitors* in industrial threads and offers the opportunity to achieve the group's US objectives. The weak dollar has stimulated the local market and one thread price increase has already been implemented.

The elimination of costs associated with the dyehouse, a full year's contribution from its acquisitions and the growing importance of its China joint venture, which is already supplying yarn to the US, should put pretax profits of £37 million in Tootal's grasp. However, earnings per share will be fairly static at 11p, leaving the shares on a prospective multiple of 11.

Real nail-biter for Norcros

The fate of Norcros will be decided today by the last-minute decisions of institutional investors. Last night it *was impossible to forecast the* outcome of the £570 million takeover attempt by Williams Holdings. Even though the Williams camp managed to pick up some shares in the market, its total holding at 25.6 per cent – 6 per cent its own holding, the rest acceptances – was far from sufficient to guarantee victory.

After the famous victory of Pilkington Brothers over BTR, contested bids have become more difficult to win, and the reasons may not be irrelevant to the decisions of Norcros shareholders today.

In corporate finance, as in most other walks of life, fashions go in cycles. At times, perceived wisdom is *that the institutions should* be dynamic catalysts for change. On other occasions, the virtues of backing existing management and of taking the long view are thought to be more important.

City opinion swung from the first to the second extreme of the pendulum sometime last autumn and remains there or thereabouts. Today's question, therefore, is whether Norcros has managed in a slow-starting defence to do enough to justify *its continued independence.*

It has certainly managed to get profits moving, with forecasts of increases from £45 million to £62 million between 1986 and 1988. And if you take those forecasts at face value, then Williams is hardly paying through the nose. Industrially, Norcros seems to be sensibly concentrating on building materials and packaging, two growth areas.

By contrast, Williams, which has gone from shell company to industrial heavyweight in six years, offers excitement tinged with uncertainty over its ability to keep up the paper chase. Norcros deserves the benefit *of the doubt. It may actually* get it.

1986/87 RESULTS

NUMBER ONE IN U.S. THREAD

CHINA THREAD JOINT VENTURE

SANDHURST ACQUIRED

Whichever way you look at Tootal you can see the commitment to growth

SALES £408.4M

DIVIDENDS PER SHARE 4.25p

PROFIT PRE-TAX £30.2M

1985/86 SALES £388.04 MILLION

1985/86 DIVIDENDS PER SHARE 4.0p

1985/86 PROFIT BEFORE TAX £27.4 MILLION

Tootal Group

If you would like to know more about us, write to the Secretary for a copy of our current Report & Accounts, Tootal Group plc, Tootal House, 19/21 Spring Gardens, Manchester M60 2TL.

The above results are extracted from the full Group accounts for the year ended 31 January 1987, which carry an unqualified audit report and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

ENGELS-HOLLANDSE BELEGGINGS TRUST N.V. (English and Dutch Investment Trust). Established in Amsterdam.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday 21st May 1987 at 12.00 hours at the offices of the Company, Keizersgracht 674 Amsterdam.

Shareholders wishing to attend the general meeting of the Company must deposit their shares not less than seven days before the meeting with Hollandse Koopmansbank N.V. Keizersgracht 674 Amsterdam or *with Hill Samuel and Co Limited, 45* Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit certificate will be issued to such shareholders which, upon surrender, will entitle them to vote at the meeting.

Holders of Shares registered with the Company in its Shareholders' Register must inform the Board of Managing Directors in writing at least four days prior to the meeting that they intend to attend the meeting in person or by proxy.

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Royal Exchange Assurance is prepared to issue a power of attorney for the same number of shares held in trust as the certificate holders shall have deposited with Royal Exchange Assurance.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1986 and of the Resolutions to be put before the meeting will be available at the offices of the above named.

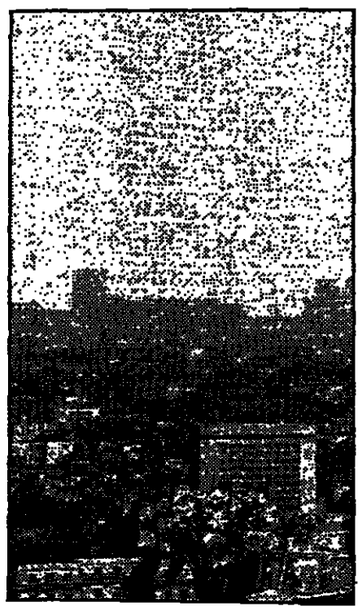
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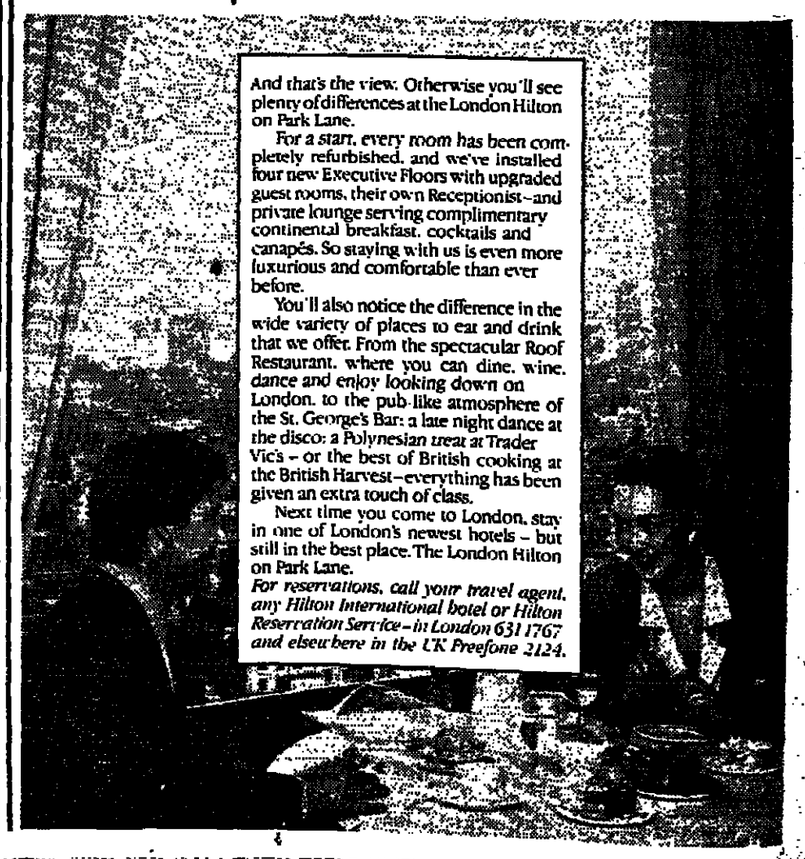
ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.50%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.50%

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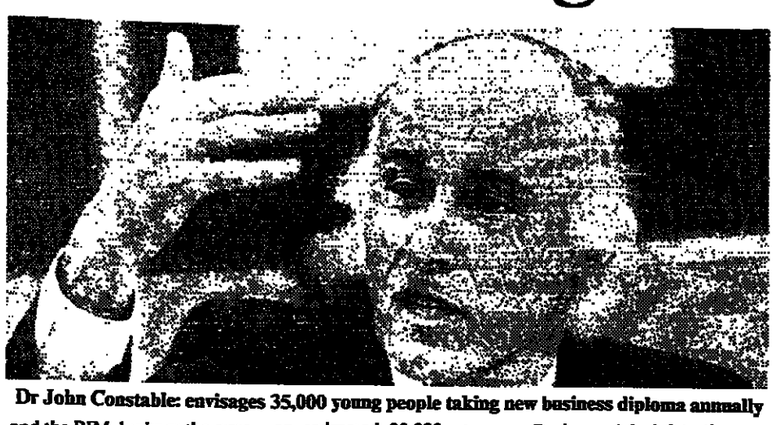
Reports stress the role of education for managers

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Action to boost management expertise in Britain – including the launch of new diploma courses which would be a step on the way to expanded Master of Business Administration (MBA) programmes – was urged by two key reports yesterday. And the Confederation of British Industry announced a line-up of big companies involved in initiatives to improve management quality.

Gains from better management would easily cover the extra costs involved in the wide array of recommendations made yesterday, it was argued. Increasing the output of undergraduates and postgraduates in business and management, as well as introducing a new diploma, would by the late 1990s cost an extra £138 million a year, according to a report by Dr John Constable. It was prepared for the British Institute of Management, where Dr Constable was formerly director general, and the CBI.

The other report, for the National Economic Development Council, the Manpower Services Commission and the BIM, looks at the state of management in the United States, West Germany, France, Japan and Britain; it was prepared by a team led by Professor Charles Handy, a visiting professor at London Business School.



Dr John Constable: envisages 35,000 young people taking new business diploma annually

He said: "In Britain we do not have enough of the best managers." In competitor countries, managers had been educated to a higher level than here. Britain, moreover, was producing at most 5,000 first degrees in business management and 1,200 MBAs, when an estimated 90,000 new senior managers were required.

The CBI said yesterday that some of Britain's biggest companies are backing moves to boost professional management. Among those developing details for a management charter of good practice – a move recommended in yesterday's reports – are British Aerospace, British Airways, GKN, and Grand Metropolitan.

The Constable report envisages 35,000 young people taking a new Diploma of Business Administration annually, with Government providing pump-priming funds. MBA programmes should be expanded to produce 10,000 MBAs a year by the turn of the century. Undergraduate places in business and management studies should be expanded.

The Making of Managers: management education, training and development in five countries; £8 from NEDO Books, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QX.

Brierley acquires 30% of Rainbow

By John Bell
City Editor

Two of New Zealand's most active share-trading companies are forging long-term links. Mr Ron Brierley's Brierley Investments is to acquire 30 per cent of Rainbow Corporation, best known in Britain for its recent build-up of a 5 per cent shareholding in the power engineering group, Babcock International. Rainbow is run by Mr Craig Heaton, who has interests in amusement parks and other leisure activities.

During the past few years, Brierley has become highly active in the London stock market, building and holding a number of stakes in publicly quoted companies. It controls the Tozer Kemsley group and made an unsuccessful bid for Ocean Transport and Trading, which left it with a 30 per cent interest in the shipping group.

Brierley already owns more than three million shares in Rainbow, and now proposes to acquire a further 42.8 million from directors and long-term shareholders. The deal will be done on a share exchange basis of four Brierley shares for five Rainbow. Ties will be further cemented by reciprocal board representation.

The closer co-operation announced yesterday follows a battle between the two companies for control of another New Zealand group, Progressive Enterprises. As part of the arrangements revealed yesterday, Rainbow will acquire Brierley's 13.5 per cent interest in Progressive, taking its total stake to 65 per cent.

● Bell Group, the Australian company headed by Mr Robert Holmes à Court, is making a one-for-three scrip issue to shareholders. Bell Group, which recently became the largest shareholder in Standard Chartered Bank, is among a number of leading Australian companies making such issues before June 30, after which they may become taxable.



Brierley: highly active

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

A new cut and thrust approach to funding

The Bank of England's jack-in-the-box approach to interest rate changes is winning admirers if not friends. On three out of the last four rate changes the Bank has managed an element of surprise, even when the market had roughly positioned itself for a move in rates.

Yesterday was the best performance yet. There was no pressure from the discount houses for a cut in the Bank's dealing rates. Indeed, some of the houses were left feeling bruised, having dealt with the Bank at the old, higher rates yesterday morning. The 12.30 announcement flashed across many a near-empty City office where the attractions of the bright lunchtime sun had outweighed those of the dealing desk. In the event, probably because of the heat, there was some confusion whether the reduction in Band Two and Band Four dealing rates actually meant that the Bank was signalling a rate cut. This was soon cleared up by Barclays, the first of the big banks to trim base rates from 10 to 9.5 per cent.

As with the March 10 cut in base rates – when the authorities would have preferred to hold on for longer (the politicians preferred the eve of the May local government elections) – sterling's strength finally told. The Bank's intervention to hold the pound down against dollar and mark this month has been more public than in March. But it has been of a similar magnitude. A rise in the reserves of $1.5 billion to $2 billion will be announced next Tuesday, implying intervention to hold down sterling well in excess of £1 billion.

The announcement of a £1 billion tap, Treasury 8½ per cent 2000, during the afternoon suggests another change in Government funding tactics. The stock, which is tax free to foreigners, should help to neutralize some of the intervention effects on broad money growth as the sterling exchanged for dollars and marks passes straight into the British banking system. The gilt market, after another topsy-turvy day, took it well, ending about a quarter of a point higher.

The Bank evidently expects no problem in selling the new stock, which initially goes inside, when dealings in it begin tomorrow. The prospect of satisfactory trade figures on Friday and the expectation of lower West German interest rates make up a rosy picture.

The strategy of holding down the pound to a level at which industry can compete – and yesterday's reduction came as the sterling index bobbed its head just above 73 – is not without its difficulties. Heavy intervention followed by rate cuts can be taken so far, but how far will the Bank wish to be seen cutting base rates during an election campaign? Another half point, I suggest, if the election is in June.

The alternative approach, in the event of a further, politically-induced sterling surge, is to leave well alone, albeit at some short-term risk to the Confederation of British Industry's currently buoyant export order books.

Rolls-Royce shares will fly

According to one marketing survey, Coca-Cola is the only brand name more widely recognized than Rolls-Royce. This may go some way to explain why the Government has made little effort to tailor the terms of the Roll-Royce privatization issue to suit private shareholders. The private shareholder is almost certainly going to apply in droves, without a great deal of urging. A potent combination of the name and the profitable memory of recent state share offerings should see to that.

It is a far cry from Lockheed and the RB211 engine, the divine right of engineers and the catastrophe of 1971 when the bankers' rug was pulled from under the original company and a bewildered Edward Heath had to nationalize in order to save the aero-engine business.

For the professional, the sale requires thoughtful consideration. Rolls, like British Airways, is by no means the kind of share that is an essential core portfolio holding for institutional investors in the way that, for example, British Gas and British Telecom certainly were.

Taking short-term factors first, Rolls appears to be offered at a premium to British Aerospace, and the rating of the shares appears reasonable if the sub-normal tax charge is taken into consideration. On a notional fully-taxed basis, the shares are expensive.

It must be said in Rolls's defence that unlike BAe, it conservatively takes all research and development spending as an expense. Further the £600 million of accumulated tax losses run out only after the hump of the current R&D programme is passed. To an extent, a rising tax charge will be offset by falling research costs.

The overall effect is that earnings per share should show highly respectable growth of around 50 per cent over the next three years or so.

The current nature of Rolls's business is also better than it may look at first glance. Rolls is one of three companies in the world with the financial and technological strength to supply the big plane makers. Their efforts to outdo each other is good for the engine makers. The professional investor is likely to conclude that at 170p, the shares are attractive on a prospective earnings multiple of about nine times.

Receiver sought for ITC

Maclaine Watson, the London Metal Exchange trader, asked the High Court yesterday to appoint a Receiver to the insolvent International Tin Council in an attempt to recover more than £6 million.

It wants the Receiver to pursue what it claims is the right of the ITC to call upon the British Government and other member states to contribute towards its debt.

Mr Mark Litman, QC, for Maclaine Watson told Mr Justice Millett that the ITC ran out of money in October, 1985, while administering an inter-government pact to support tin prices. An attempt to discover what assets were available to repay the debt had failed after being thwarted by a court ruling that the ITC had immunity under international law.

French privatization share demand surges

From Diana Geddes, Paris

After half a dozen sizeable privatizations in the space of six months, public interest in the government's ambitious five-year denationalization programme, involving 65 companies, shows no signs of waning.

Demand for the first 1.6 million shares in the state-owned Credit Commercial de France (CCF), the country's tenth-largest banking group which went on sale at Fr107 each (£10.80) on Monday, was so strong that applicants are expected to be restricted to a maximum of 10 shares each.

The public is offered 40 per cent of the capital, fixed at Fr4.4 billion by the government; 10 per cent is being reserved at a rebate for CCF employees; another 20 per cent will be offered to foreign investors; and the remaining 30 per cent will be sold to a "hard core" of institutional shareholders in order to inject stability into the group.

The CCF group made a profit of Fr360 million in 1985, up 41 per cent on the previous year.

Tomorrow, a rather different form of privatization will take place when the loss-making Compagnie Générale de Constructions Téléphoniques (CGCT), France's second largest telecommunications company, is formally handed over to the Franco-Swedish consortium, Matra-Ericsson. No public share offer will be involved.

The Americans, who had hoped to win control of the CGCT for their own telecommunications group, AT&T, and thereby secure a solid foothold in the European market, have issued a vigorous protest over the deal with Ericsson, claiming that it was subject "to numerous external political pressures," and hinting strongly that it could provoke new protectionist pressures in the US.

On May 11, the privatization will begin of the Compagnie Générale d' Electricité (CGE), the world's second-largest telecommunications company.

That will be followed towards the end of May by the privatization of Havas, the largest French advertising and publishing group. The flotation of Société Générale, France's third-largest bank, is expected to start soon after.

Plessey forecasts £300m chip sales

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Plessey, the defence, electronics and telecommunications group, has forecast a quadrupling of semiconductor sales by 1991 with turnover at Plessey Semiconductors, the chip subsidiary, increasing from £70 million to more than £300 million.

The increased production will at first come from the £50 million manufacturing plant in Roborough, Devon, which will be officially opened by the Prince of Wales next Tuesday.

It is the first British plant that has capacity to produce six inch wafers using the high density CMOS technology. By 1990 it will be able to make chips with the equivalent of 1 million transistors apiece.

The semiconductor market, worth $23.5 billion (£13.9 billion) last year, is forecast to increase to $42.5 billion in 1990. After a prolonged period of recession and overcapacity in the industry, there are some signs of an upturn in orders although this may be a short term reaction to US tariffs on semiconductor imports from Japan.

Mr Doug Dunn, managing director of Plessey Semiconductors, said Roborough would be profitable when 40 to 50 per cent utilized and this was expected to be at the "back end of 1988". Particular growth is expected in sales to the telecommunications industry outside Britain.

The Roborough plant, which has initial capability to produce £100 million of chips a year, has been built to the exacting standards of cleanliness and stability necessary for the production of sub micron devices.

Joliffe aiming to realize his dream

By Joe Joseph

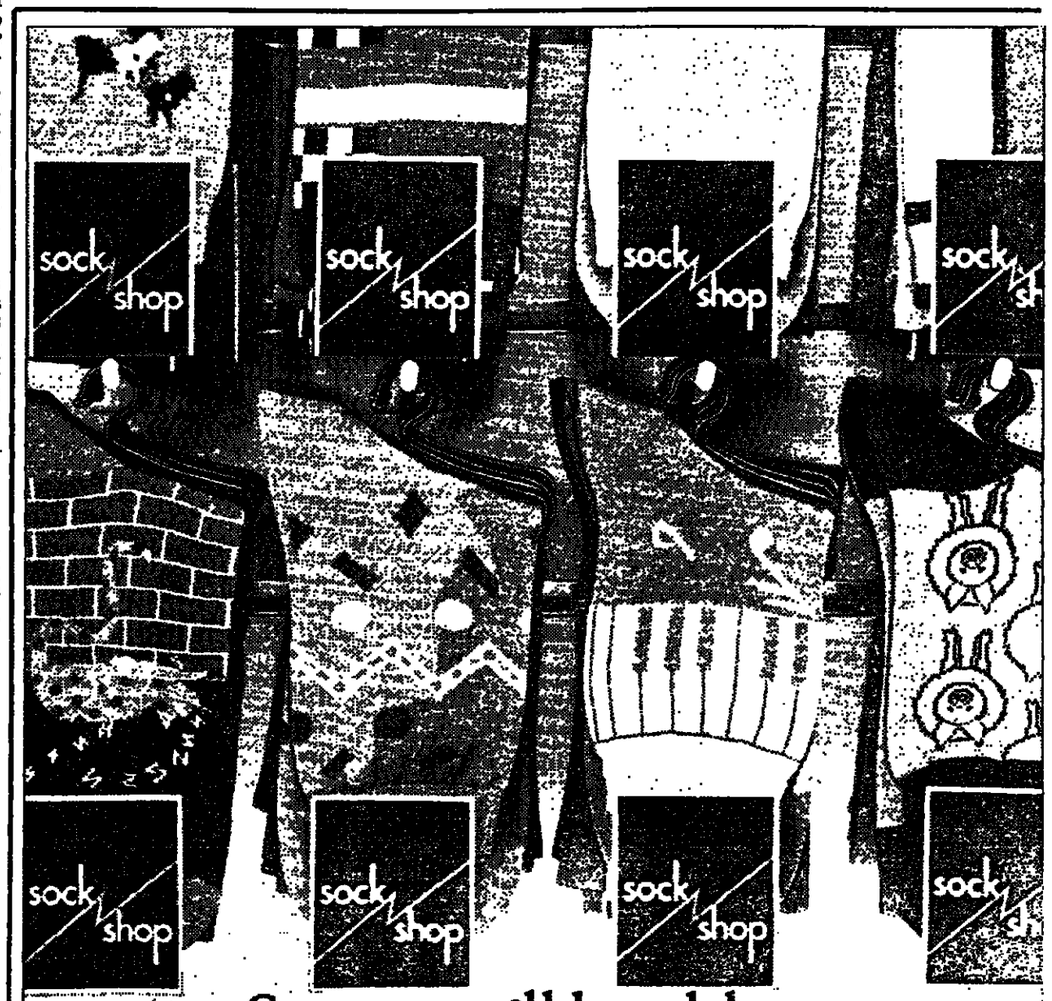
Sir Anthony Joliffe has come a long way since he strolled the streets of the City as Lord Mayor of London. But he has still further to go if he is to realize his dream of building Walker Greenbank, the engineering-based conglomerate he formed last year, into a muscular industrial holding company boasting a turnover of £200 million by the end of the decade.

The acquisitive company, propped up by almost two dozen subsidiaries, returned profits for the year to January 31 of £4.03 million against a restated £2.53 million previously. Turnover grew 23 per cent to £40.5 million. Shareholders, who missed out on an interim, will receive a final dividend of 1.5p.

"We've got the structure together, we've got the divisions in place and we've targeted a number of acquisitions both here and overseas," Sir Anthony, who chairs the group, told *The Times*. News of further purchases is likely soon.

The idea is to expand in the area of designing and manufacturing engineered consumer-related products. Walker Greenbank is eager to tap more of the £500 million British market for retail display systems. Last January it paid an initial £3.45 million for Alkar, which makes and supplies supermarket shelving.

But Sir Anthony concedes that some smaller companies no longer fit company plans. "There has obviously got to be pruning. We've spotted four or five subsidiaries that will have to go during the coming year."



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When Friends fall out

The sort of job that Patrick Jenkin, former Secretary of State for the Environment, will be taking on when he assumes the chair of the Friends Provident Life Office, and the linked UK Provident Institution, will become apparent today when he meets some of his future 'constituents' in Salisbury. At 2 this afternoon, policyholders of UKPI hold their annual general meeting, and it promises to be as lively as last year's affair, when 500 policyholders turned up to find out how the mutually owned insurance company got itself into such a tangled mess that it had to be bailed out by the Friends. The present chairman of UKPI and Friends, EW Phillips can expect some heavy questioning. One policyholder, an accountant who prefers to remain anonymous until he stands up today, is dissatisfied with the accounts and is threatening to ask his fellow policyholders to have the meeting adjourned. Obviously armed with the finest of toothcombs, he has discovered that another director, Sir Anthony Touche, who is also deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank, owes £2,733 on a policy, and would like an explanation. More questions will be levelled by the UKPI Policy Holders council, which was formed last year, against the advice of Mr Phillips. Its members argue that the whole merger could have been unnecessary, and that sharing a mutual board, with only three independent members, constitutes a conflict of interest. The chairman of the council's steering committee, Philip Bayliss, has also challenged UKPI's procedure for calling the meeting by advertising it in the Press rather than writing to all 300,000 policyholders. Friends' secretary Brian Sweetlands assures all has been done according to the rules.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Crime story unfolds

It's attention to detail that makes a good auditor, and foils the villains, according to an anecdote in the latest issue of *Accountancy*. A retired office manager, filling out his autumn years by pottering about in a firm of accountants, uncovered during a routine audit a fraud which had been unnoticed for three years. He was put on the trail by letters in the company's files. He had no formal education or accountancy training, but knew from his first job as a filing clerk that letters are usually folded. Some in the files were not, and later proved to be forgeries. That's something you don't learn at business school.

Changing chemistry

Yesterday's board appointments at ICI won't help those trying to work out who will succeed Denys Henderson as chairman five years hence. With only small assistance from the calculator, it can be deduced from yesterday's announcement that the new deputy chairman, Frank Whiteley, is aged 57 and Chris Hampson, a new executive director, is aged 56. Mr Whiteley was appointed to the board in August 1979 Mr Hampson is a Canadian who has been managing director and chief executive officer of ICI Australia since July 1984. By the time Mr Henderson's 5-year term as chairman comes to an end, both Mr Whiteley and Mr Hampson will be at or very close to ICI's retirement age of 62.



"Ruddy prospective shareholders!"

● Staff at Plessey's new £50 million semiconductor manufacturing plant at Roborough, Plymouth, have deemed it too old-fashioned that the eating area in the ultra-high-tech surroundings should go under the dreary description of a canteen. The winning entry in a competition among employees to find a more suitable name has now been announced as "Silicon Galley".

Ray Heath

Yorkshiremen trust Balfour

Neil Balfour, the unsuccessful Tory candidate in last April's Ryedale by-election, is doing rather better as chairman of the financial services group York Trust than he did as a would-be Member of Parliament. It has been announced that York Trust is to link up with North Yorkshire County Council and the West Yorkshire Enterprise Board to set up a new company with the aim of creating more jobs in North Yorkshire. The scheme, already approved by North Yorkshire County Council's policy and resources committee, involves setting aside £3 million for an investment fund to provide cash backing for new industries in the county. The new company hopes to provide financial assistance in sums in excess of £25,000. As reported in *The Times* City Diary recently, York Trust's capitalization has grown from £2.8 million to £30 million in the last year. Balfour, the former Euro-MP once married to Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia, was generally regarded to have lost the Tories the Ryedale by-election of April last year when he proclaimed: "We are at war with Libya."

of the walls. Mr Barkshire said yesterday that he had contemplated all the stories with fascination, and said the changing of the structure con-

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"There's a Mr Mickey Mouse from the Bank of England . . ."

Ray Heath

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons	360	63	63	72	7	12	17
(*402)	390	38	41	50	15	23	27
	420	17	25	35	28	33	40
British Gas	80	20½	24½	—	1⅛	3	—
(*97)	90	12	16½	18½	4	6	6½
	100	6½	10	13½	8½	10½	12
British Airways	130	19	23	—	4	8	—
(*146)	140	13	18	26	8	13	14
	160	5½	11	17	19	21	24
BP	850	102	128	155	16	28	37
(*915)	900	67	88	125	35	43	58
	950	40	67	—	60	70	—
Bristol	220	29	35	44	7	11	14
(*239)	240	17	27	34	16	21	25
	260	11	16	24	28	33	36
Cons Gold	950	95	117	132	42	67	85
(*961)	1000	72	97	117	75	95	115
	1050	50	82	—	112	120	—
Courtaulds	360	75	88	—	2½	5	—
(*433)	390	50	63	79	9	12	15
	420	31	45	57	17	22	26
	450	14	28	—	40	46	—
Com Union	300	31	44	54	7	13	18
(*319)	330	16	27	37	19	25	30
	360	6	16	—	42	46	—
Cable & Wire	300	73	—	—	4	—	—
(*383)	330	50	59	68	10	15	22
	360	30	40	48	20	28	33
	390	12	26	33	40	50	52
GEC	180	30	33	42	4	7	9
(*203)	200	16	22	28	11	13	17
	220	6	13	—	21	25	—
Grand Met	420	80	88	103	4	6	10
(*487)	460	47	60	73	10	19	22
	500	24	36	47	30	35	40
	550	6	16	—	68	73	—
ICI	1200	150	170	205	17	38	45
(*1316)	1250	110	140	170	30	50	65
	1300	82	110	140	50	75	85
	1350	61½	85	—	80	92	—
Land Securities	360	73	81	89	3	7	9
(*430)	390	47	59	65	5	11	16
	420	22	34	45	18	23	32
Marks & Spen	200	33	40	48	3	5	9
(*230)	220	19	27	35	10	13	18
	240	9	16	—	23	25	—
Shell Trans	1150	70	103	125	40	53	65
(*1162)	1200	40	72	97	65	80	90
	1250	27	58	—	95	105	—
Trafalgar House	300	48	56	69	5	9	14
(*344)	330	25	37	47	11	19	26
	360	9	18	—	28	37	—
TSB	70	16	18½	—	1	2	—
(*83)	80	6½	11	14½	3½	4	6
	90	3¾	7⅝	9¼	9½	11	12½
Woolworth	750	110	135	155	10	30	35
(*843)	800	70	95	120	28	55	65
	850	45	55	90	50	65	75

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Bass	900	60	78	96	20	38	55
(*937)	950	30	55	77	45	65	80
	1000	10	35	57	80	95	110
Dixons contd	360	—	—	66	—	—	18
	391	28	38	—	16	22	—
Glaxo	1400	95	155	180	32	75	90
(*1425)	1450	65	130	155	75	100	115
	1500	45	105	130	105	125	140
	1550	28	80	110	145	160	175
Hanson	135	26	30	—	1	2½	—
(*159)	150	14	19½	—	4	6½	—
	165	6½	12	—	12	14	—
	180	2	8½	10½	22½	24	25½
Sears	130	14½	19½	21	3½	5½	8
(*143)	140	7½	14	16	6¾	10¼	13¾
	160	2½	6¾	9	22½	25	26½
Tesco	420	78	91	—	2	5	—
(*495)	460	40	60	78	5	13	18
	500	18	35	53	18	22	32
Thorn EMI	500	200	205	—	1	1½	—
(*693)	550	150	155	—	2	5	—
	600	100	105	132	4	12	17
	650	62	72	97	18	25	32
THF	200	38	44	51	2	3	6
(*235)	220	23	32	36	6	10	12
	240	10	20	28	15	17	21
Brit Aero	600	47	70	85	10	25	30
(*634)	650	18	40	55	33	47	52
	700	4	23	33	68	75	80
BAT Inds	420	80	92	—	1	4	—
(*495)	460	48	60	75	5	12	18
	500	17	36	52	19	27	33
	550	4	18	30	60	63	65
Brit Telecom	220	65	69	76	½	2	4
(*283)	240	45	52	59	1	4½	9
	260	28	36	43	2	9	16
Cadbury Schwepps	240	17	29	44	5	11	17
(*252)	260	7	19	31	15	21	28
	280	2½	11	—	28	32	—
Guinness	300	28	48	60	3	12	22
(*322)	330	8	23	40	23	27	30
	360	1½	12	—	45	45	—
Ladbroke	373	60	67	—	2	4	—
(*429)	403	32	43	57	4	10	16
	443	8	23	32	25	28	35
LASMO	220	24	32	45	6	14	20
(*240)	240	12	22	33	16	27	31
	260	5	14	25	31	35	40
Plessey	220	16	25	30	5	9	13
(*231)	240	7	15	20	16	20	23
	260	2	8	13	31	34	38
P & O	550	65	80	97	3	10	17
(*609)	600	23	45	63	13	23	30
	650	3	17	33	45	55	60
Racal	220	12	18	28	9	14	15
(*223)	240	3	8	15	20	25	27
	260	1	4	8	39	42	44
RTZ	800	172	175	190	3	6	23
(*968)	850	122	130	152	7	10	35
	900	74	100	120	17	30	47
	950	42	77	97	35	54	67
Vaal Reef	130	11	18½	24	5	11	15
(*135)	140	7	15⅞	20	9¼	17	19
	150	4½	11	17½	18	21½	24½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jun	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
GKN	280	50	58	—	3	7	—
(*335)	300	32	37	46	6	12	15
	330	15	20	33	19	21	34
	360	2	12	21	38	41	45
Jaguar	550	35	55	73	25	30	40
(*557)	600	14	33	47	55	60	65
	650	3	17	—	95	100	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	160	36	43	49	1½	4	6
(*190)	180	21	28	35	6	10	13
	200	10	17	24	16	19	21
Beecham	480	80	70	85	11	20	28
(*511)	500	32	50	58	20	35	45
	550	11	23	38	60	65	73
	600	3	10	20	102	105	115
Boots	280	33	33	42	11	18	24
(*293)	300	12	22	30	22	27	32
	330	3	11	—	43	48	—
BTR	300	20	32	37	13	17	21
(*305)	330	7	17	24	30	35	38
	360	3	11	17	58	60	63
Blue Circle	700	132	145	157	1	7	12
(*824)	750	83	102	117	5	15	27
	800	43	70	82	15	28	43
De Beers	1100	200	200	300	32	55	70
(*1275)	1200	200	230	280	55	85	120
	1300	140	190	225	105	135	170
	1400	90	155	190	165	195	230
Dixons (*391)	351	50	80	—	5	9	—

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero	600	47	70	85	10	25	30
(*634)	650	18	40	55	33	47	52
	700	4	23	33	68	75	80
BAT Inds	420	80	92	—	1	4	—
(*495)	460	48	60	75	5	12	18
	500	17	36	52	19	27	33
	550	4	18	30	60	63	65
Brit Telecom	220	65	69	76	½	2	4
(*283)	240	45	52	59	1	4½	9
	260	28	36	43	2	9	16
Cadbury Schwepps	240	17	29	44	5	11	17
(*252)	260	7	19	31	15	21	28
	280	2½	11	—	28	32	—
Guinness	300	28	48	60	3	12	22
(*322)	330	8	23	40	23	27	30
	360	1½	12	—	45	45	—
Ladbroke	373	60	67	—	2	4	—
(*429)	403	32	43	57	4	10	16
	443	8	23	32	25	28	35
LASMO	220	24	32	45	6	14	20
(*240)	240	12	22	33	16	27	31
	260	5	14	25	31	35	40
Plessey	220	16	25	30	5	9	13
(*231)	240	7	15	20	16	20	23
	260	2	8	13	31	34	38
P & O	550	65	80	97	3	10	17
(*609)	600	23	45	63	13	23	30
	650	3	17	33	45	55	60
Racal	220	12	18	28	9	14	15
(*223)	240	3	8	15	20	25	27
	260	1	4	8	39	42	44
RTZ	800	172	175	190	3	6	23
(*968)	850	122	130	152	7	10	35
	900	74	100	120	17	30	47
	950	42	77	97	35	54	67
Vaal Reef	130	11	18½	24	5	11	15
(*135)	140	7	15⅞	20	9¼	17	19
	150	4½	11	17½	18	21½	24½

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Dec	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Dec
Barclays	500	28	47	62	6½	20	30
(*518)	550	5	20	32	37	45	52
	600	1	7	15	85	87	95
Midland Bank	550	117	130	150	2	5	10
(*560)	600	67	83	102	4	11	20
	650	32	47	67	18	27	35

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho	200	69	73	—	1½	2	—
(*265)	218	52	56	—	2	4	—
	238	36	41	46	4½	7	11
	255	20	27	33	7	13	17
	273	10	18	24	17	22	25

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991	104	7/32	7/16	—	1/16	3/32	—
(*2109)	106	2¾	3	3⅛	3/16	⅜	1
	108	1/16	1⅛	2	⅝	1⅛	1⅜
	110	7/16	15/16	1⅛	2⅜	2⅝	3
Tr 11¾% 03/07	116	7/32	3	5/16	1/16	7/32	15/32
(*2124)	118	5/16	5⅞	7/16	⅛	1⅛	21/32
	120	3¾	5/16	6/16	⅜	1⅜	29/32
	122	2/16	4⅛	4⅝	1/16	2⅞	3¾
	124	1⅛	3	3¾	2	3⅛	4/16

	Series	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
FT-SE Index (*2021)	1750	272	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1800	230	228	—	—	¾	4	—	—
	1850	172	175	—	—	½	8	—	—
	1900	122	127	147	170	1	30	40	50
	1950	72	88	113	135	1	30	45	55
	2000	34	53	83	110	8	63	68	80
	2050	3	32	60	85	36	83	93	105
	2100	1	17	42	—	90	116	125	—

April 28, 1987. Total contracts 34858. Calls 22557. Puts 12087. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE Index. Calls 3028. Puts 1873

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9½
Finance House 10%

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¼ Low 9
Week fixed: 9⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 month 9⅝; 3 month 9⅝
Selling: 2 month 9⅝; 3 month 9

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 9⅝-9¼; 2 month 9¼-9⅜; 3 month 9⅜-9⅜; 6 month 8¹⁵/₁₆-8¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 10; 2 month 9⅝; 3 month 9⅝; 6 month 9⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¼ close 9⅝
1 week 9¹³/₁₆-9¹¹/₁₆; 2 month 9⅞-9¹⁵/₁₆
1 month 9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝; 3 month 9⅝-9¾
3 month 9¹⁵/₁₆-9⁷/₁₆; 12 month 9¼-9¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾; 7 days 9¾
1 month 9¼; 3 month 9⅜
6 month 9¼; 12 month 9¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 10-9¾; 2 month 9⅝-9⅝
3 month 9¾-9½; 6 month 9⅝-9¾
9 month 9⅝-9⅝; 12 month 9⅝-9¾

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 9⅝-9½; 3 month 9⅞-9¹⁵/₁₆
6 month 9¹⁵/₁₆-9¹³/₁₆; 12 month 9¹³/₁₆-9¹¹/₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 6.75-6.70; 3 month 7.05-7.00
6 month 7.35-7.30; 12 month 7.80-7.75

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¼-5¾
7 days	9¹⁵/₁₆-9⁷/₁₆	1 month	6¼-6⅛
3 month	7¼-7	6 month	7⅜-7¼
Deutschemark		call	4⅛-3¾
7 days	3⅜-3¼	1 month	3¹⁵/₁₆-3¹³/₁₆
3 month	4-3⅞	6 month	4-3⅞
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	7¹³/₁₆-7¹¹/₁₆	1 month	8¼-8
3 month	8½-8⅛	6 month	8¹⁵/₁₆-8⁷/₁₆
Swiss Franc		call	1⅝-⅝
7 days	3⅞-3⅜	1 month	3¹⁵/₁₆-3¹³/₁₆
3 month	3¼-3⅛	6 month	3⅜-3⅜
Yen		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4⅜-4⅛	1 month	4⁹/₁₆-4⁷/₁₆
3 month	4⁵/₁₆-4¹/₁₆	6 month	4¼-4

BULLION

Gold $449.00-450.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 452.50-457.50 (£274.00-277.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 107.00-108.00 (£64.75-65.50)
Platinum: $ 621.00 (£372.95)
Silver: $ 7.8000-8.0000 (£4.7200-4.8700)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for Interest period February 25, 1987 to March 31, 1987 inclusive: 10.053 per cent.

WALL STREET

Shares quickly ahead

New York (Agencies) — Shares rose in early trading yesterday as the market showed that a rise in the dollar could be as stimulating to shares as a fall has been depressing in recent weeks. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed by 16.90 points to 2,247.44.

Rising stocks outnumbered *falling ones* by two to one on a volume of 39 million shares. Technology shares provided much of the stimulus, benefiting from recent profit statements and IBM's comments about the industry. IBM rose by 1½ to 155¾ and Digital Equipment by 2⅞ to 168¾. On Monday, the Dow average closed 4.83 lower at 2,230.54.

	Apr 27	Apr 24		Apr 27	Apr 24		Apr 27	Apr 24
AMR Cp	51¾	52¾	Firestone	35½	35⅞	Pepsico	30¾	31¾
ASA	63⅝	57¾	Fst Chicago	27	26⅝	Pfizer	67¾	65¾
Aetna Life	55⅜	58½	Fst Int Bncp	54¼	55	Phelps Dod	30¾	30¼
Allied Signal	43¼	42¾	Fst Penn C	10½	10¾	Phillip Mor	83½	84
Allis Chalm	2½	2½	FT Wachva	39¾	39¾	Phillip Pet	14⅝	15
Alcoa	46⅝	46⅜	Ford Motor	80¾	82¾	Polaroid	69¼	71
Amax Inc	20¾	20¾	GAF Cp	47¾	48¼	Proct Gble	85½	86½
AMR Hess	32¾	32¾	GTE Cp	39¼	39¼	Pub Svc Eq	37	37¾
Am Brands	43¾	44	Gn Cp	115¾	115¾	Raytheon	74¾	75¾
Am Can	41¾	41¾	Gn Dynam	65	66¾	Rynlds Met	65¼	68¾
Am Cynmd	88¼	89¾	Gen Elect	102¾	102¾	Rockwell Int	28¾	28¾
Am Ele Pw	26¾	27	Gen Inst	30¾	31¾	Royal Dutch	118	118¾
Amax	85	86	Gen Mills	44¼	44	SFE Sopac	42	41¾
Am Home	84¾	83	Gen Motors	86¾	86¾	Sara Lee	43¼	43¾
Am Motors	4¼	4¼	Gen Pub Ut	22¾	23	Schlumb	40¾	40
Am Stand	39½	40¾	Genesco	4¾	4¼	Scott Pap	71⅛	71¼
Am Telph	24⅝	24½	Georgia Pac	44¾	44¾	Seagram	69¾	70½
Amoco Cp	62¾	61¾	Gillette	56¼	57¼	Sears Roeb	53¾	52¾
Amrco Steel	10⅞	10¾	Goodrich	48	48¾	Shell Trans	76¼	76½
Asarco Inc	24	25½	Goodyear	56¾	57	Singer	44¼	45
Ashland Oil	58	59¾	Gould Inc	17	18¾	Smithkln Bk	105	105¾
Atl Richfld	83¾	84¼	Grace Co	65	65¼	Sony Cp	19¾	19¾
Avon Prod	30¾	30¾	Grt Atl Pac	33½	34	Sth Cal Edi	30¾	30
Bk Boston	31	30¾	Greyhnd	33¼	33¾	SW Bell	103¾	104¾
Bank NY	40¼	41	Grumman	28	28¾	Std Oil	72¼	71½
Bankamer	11¾	11¾	Gulf & West	25	25¾	Sterl Drug	49¾	49¾
Bkrs Tst NY	45¾	44¾	Heinz	75	74¾	Stevens JP	42¼	43¼
Bath Steel	13¾	13	Hercules	41	42	Sun Comp	61	61¾
Boeing	45¾	47¾	Hewlett Pk	55¼	55	TRW Inc	102¾	100¾
Boise Casc	76¾	75¾	Honeywell	54¾	53	Teledyne	319¼	317
Borden	55¾	56¾	IC Ind	77¾	77	Tenneco	45¼	45¾
Borg Warnr	47¾	48¾	ITT Cp	32¾	33¾	Texaco	31	31½
Brist Myer	98¾	98	INCO	63¾	54¼	Tex Instn	34	34¼
BP	59¼	59½	Ingersoll	15¾	16¼	Tex Inwt	189	190
Brunswick	43¼	40¾	Inland Steel	78	78	Tex Util	31¼	31¾
Burl Ind	58¾	58¼	IBM	28¾	27	Textron	62¼	62¼
Burl Nth	84¾	85¾	Int Paper	154½	151¾	Travelers	44¾	43¾
CBS	160¼	163	Irving Bk	96¾	96¾	UAL Inc	69¾	68¾
CPC Int	48¾	46¼	Jhsn & Jhsn	42¾	42	USG	36¾	37¾
CSX Cp	31¼	30¾	K Mart Cp	87¼	86¾	USX Cp	28¾	28½
Cmpbell Sp	65¾	65	Kaiser Alum	58¾	58¾	Unilever NV	284½	283
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾	Kerr McGee	18	17¼	Un Carbide	27¾	28¾
Caterpillar	45¾	46¾	Kimbl Clark	32¾	32¼	Un Pac Cp	69¾	69½
Centrl SW	30¾	30¾	Kraft	109¾	108¾	Unisys Cp	115¼	113¾
Champion	36¾	36¾	Kroger	51¾	52¼	Utd Brands	42¼	43¾
Chase Man	35¾	35¾	LTV Cp	32¾	33¾	Utd Tech	44¼	44¾
Chem NY	41	41¾	Litton	3¾	4	Unocal	35	36¾
Chevron	55¾	55¾	Lockheed	88	88¾	Walter Jim	46¾	48¾
Chrysler	35¾	36¾	Lucky Str	46¼	47¾	Warn Lamb	67	69¼
Citicorp	52¼	51¾	Man H'nver	41¾	42¼	Wells Far	48¾	48¾
Clark Eq	22¾	23¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Westg El	60¾	60¾
Coca Cola	42¾	41¾	Mapco	61	61¾	Weyerhsr	53¾	51¾
Colgate	42¼	43	Marine Mid	47¼	47	Whirlpool	36	37
Columb Gas	45¾	46¾	Mt Merrlea	44	45	Woolworth	47	48¾
Comb'tn Eng	33¾	33¾	Masco	33	33	Xerox Cp	75¾	76¼
Conwlth Ed	34¾	33¾	Mcdonalds	75¾	76¾	Zenith	25	25¾
Cons Edis	41¾	42	McDonnell	71¼	70¾			
Cn Nat Gas	39¾	40¾	Mead Cp	66¾	65¾			
Cons Pwr	17¾	18	Merck	146¾	148¾			
Cont Data	33	33	Minsta Mng	127¾	126			
Corning Gl	60¾	61¾	Mobil	47¼	47¾			
Crane	38¾	38	Monsanto	84	83¾			
Curtiss Wrt	60	61	Morgan Jp	43	43¾			
Data Genl	28¾	28¾	Motorola	57¼	57¼			
Deere Co	28¾	28¾	NCR	70	68¾			
Delta Air	48¾	49¾	NL Indstrs	7¾	7¾			
Detroit Ed	16¾	16¾	Nat Distill	88¾	89¾			
Digital Eq	165¾	162¾	Nat Mid Ent	27¾	27			
Disney	61¾	61¾	Nat Semi	15¾	15			
Dow Chem	81¾	83¾	Norfolk Sth	29¾	29			
Dresser Ind	26	25¾	NW Bancrp	38¾	38			
Dupont	110¾	112¼	Ocdl Petl	33¾	34¾			
Duke Pwr	44	43¾	Ogden Cp	82¾	82¾			
East Kodak	72¾	73	Olin Cp	48¾	49¾			
Eaton Cp	82¾	80¾	PPG Ind	39¾	38¾			
Emerson El	101¼	101¼	Pac Gas El	21	20¾			
Emery Air	13¾	12¾	Pan Am	4¼	4¼			
Exxon	65¾	66¾	Penney JC	93¾	92¾			
Fed Dpt Sts	93¾	94¼	Pennzoil	76¼	75¾			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	39¾	41¾
Alcan Alum	53¾	54¾
Algoma Stl	17	17¾
Can Pacific	21¾	18¾
Cominco	17	17
Con Bathrst	17¾	17¾
Hawk S Can	27½	27¾
Hud Bay M	25¾	25¾
Imasco	34¾	35½
Imperial Oil	64¼	66¼
Int Pipe	48¼	48¾
Royl Trstco	34¾	34½
Seagram	93	94¼
Shelco 'A'	24	23¾
Thmsn N 'A'	30	31¼
Varity Cp	2.75	2.70
WCT	15¾	17
Weston	37¾	38¼

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelcot Group	380	410	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	28	31	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	120	130	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Comm	52	56	+2
68	24	Corton Beach	58	63	n/c
195	121	Edenspring Inv	185	195	-5
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	35	37	-1
41	8	Do. Warrants	25	27	-1
33	17	Publishing Holdings	32	34	+1
57½	45	Thame Holdings	47	50	n/c
133	112½	Unit Group	110	115	n/c

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Apr 13	May 1	Jul 23	Aug 3

Call options were taken out on: 28/4/87 Cranford Eng., Poseidon, Pavon, Amstrad, Fergsbrook, Burndene, Marshall Loxley, Jackson Exploration, ISC London, Control Securities, Ipeco, CI Group, Aran Energy, Bennett & Fountain, Oliver Res., Harris Queensway, B Priest, Comtech, Premier, Mellerwars, EBC, Telemetrix, Tandem, Tarmac, Rothmans, Wimpey, Owners Abroad, Talbex, British Telecom, Thames Mining, P Bilton, Lilley, Babcock, North Kalgurli Mines, DSC Holdings.
Put: British Telecom.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 28	Market rates close April 28	1 month	3 months
N York	1.8515-1.8575	1.8515-1.8525	0.43-0.40prem	1.06-1.00
Montreal	2.2014-2.2204	2.2014-2.2044	0.52-0.22prem	0.54-0.38prem
Amst'dam	3.3483-3.3597	3.3517-3.3562	1⅝-1¼prem	3¼-3⅛prem
Brussels	61.54-61.83	61.60-61.72	17-10prem	45-34prem
C'hagen	11.1625-11.2227	11.1807-11.2040	¾-1⅛dis	2⅛-2¼dis
Dublin	1.1055-1.1142	1.1117-1.1127	10-15dis	30-41dis
Frankfurt	2.9671-2.9775	2.9698-2.9728	1⅛-1¼prem	4¼-4prem.
Lisbon	229.56-231.78	229.56-230.52	56-135dis	251-363dis
Madrid	207.54-209.10	208.09-208.38	48-149dis	266-404dis
Milan	2118.92-2130.68	2125.07-2123.86	1prem-2dis	1prem-4dis
Oslo	11.0139-11.0772	11.0403-11.0635	3½-4¼dis	13¾-14dis
Paris	9.8966-9.9471	9.8968-9.9109	1⅝-1⅜prem	3¼-2½prem
Stckhlm	10.3447-10.4025	10.3580-10.3759	⅝-⅜prem	⅛-⅛prem
Tokyo	230.52-231.95	231.13-231.52	1¼-1⅛prem	3¼-3⅛prem
Vienna	20.86-20.93	20.89-20.91	9¼-8¾prem	28¾-28¼prem
Zurich	2.4250-2.4325	2.4277-2.4325	1⅝-1⅜prem	3½-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 72.9 (day's range 72.6-73.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina

Portfolio Gold

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bank Of Scotland	Banks.Discount	
2	BSR	Electricals	
3	Higg. & Hill	Building.Roads	
4	Barclays (aa)	Banks.Discount	
5	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
6	Laing (J)	Building.Roads	
7	Gerrard Nat	Banks.Discount	
8	BTP	Chemicals.Plas	
9	Boddington	Breweries	
10	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
11	Amec	Building.Roads	
12	Newmark (Louis)	Electricals	
13	Next	Drapery.Stores	
14	Kleinwort Benson	Banks.Discount	
15	Bulmer (HP)	Breweries	
16	Yorkshire TV	Cinemas.TV	
17	Electronic Mach	Electricals	
18	Greene King	Breweries	
19	Finlan Gp	Building.Roads	
20	Forward Tech	Electricals	
21	Barratt Devs	Building.Roads	
22	Dunhill	Drapery.Stores	
23	Ladies Pride	Drapery.Stores	
24	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
25	Vaux	Breweries	
26	Lloyds (aa)	Banks.Discount	
27	Halstead (James)	Chemicals.Plas	
28	Costain	Building.Roads	
29	Guinness (aa)	Breweries	
30	Abbey Life	Insurance	
31	Br Dredging	Building.Roads	
32	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
33	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery.Stores	
34	Glorson (MJ)	Building.Roads	
35	Ulster TV	Cinemas.TV	
36	Laporte	Chemicals.Plas	
37	Bryant	Building.Roads	
38	Anglia TV 'A'	Cinemas.TV	
39	Renison	Mining	
40	Nat West (aa)	Banks.Discount	
41	Stonehouse (aa)	Drapery.Stores	
42	Brent Chems	Chemicals.Plas	
43	Stone Intl	Electricals	
44	Irish Distl	Breweries	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100⅝	99⅞	Treas 10%	1987	99⅞	..	10.0	9.493
99⅝	97	Treas 3%	1987	99	..	3.0	7.567
102⅛	99⅛	Treas 12¾	1987	101⅛	..	11.8	9.059
99⅛	97⅛	Treas 7¾%	1985-88	98¾	..	7.8	8.563
101⅜	99	Exch 10¾%	1988	101⅜	..	10.4	8.859
101⅜	97⅛	Treas 12¾%	1988	101⅜	..	9.7	8.566
99	87⅜	Treas 3%	1978-88	90	..	3.1	8.562
101⅛	96	Treas 9½%	1988	100⅝	..	9.4	9.089
104⅛	98½	Treas 11¾%	1988	104	..	11.0	9.089
103⅝	96⅝	Treas 10¾%	1989	102⅝	..	10.2	9.097
102⅝	97⅛	Exch 10%	1989	101⅝	..	9.8	8.998
107⅜	100	Exch 10½%	1989	106	..	9.7	7.588
105	98⅛	Exch 11%	1989	104⅛	..	10.6	8.997
94⅛	89⅞	Treas 3%	1966-89	93⅝	..	3.3	8.000
101½	95⅝	Treas C9¼%	1989	100⅜	..	9.4	8.973
93	88⅜	Treas 3%	1989	92⅝	..	3.2	7.134
110⅜	105⅛	Treas 13%	1990	108⅝	..	11.8	8.555
105½	95	Exch 11¾%	1990	104⅜	..	10.9	8.994
109⅜	99⅛	Exch 12¼%	1990	108⅛	..	11.5	8.937
89⅛	84⅛	Treas 3%	1990	89⅛	..	3.3	8.551
98⅜	93⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	98⅜	..	8.4	8.730
104	97⅛	Treas 10%	1990	103	..	9.7	8.948
87⅜	80⅛	Exch 9½%	1990	86¾	..	9.2	8.712
108⅜	99⅝	Treas C10¼	1991	107⅜	..	9.3	7.736
109⅛	102⅛	Treas 11¾%	1991	108⅛	..	10.8	8.937
93⅜	85⅝	Rand 9¾%	1987-91	93¼	..	8.2	7.621
109⅛	100⅛	Exch 11¾%	1991	108⅛	..	10.2	8.955
88⅜	79⅛	Treas 3%	1991	86⅛	..	3.6	8.822

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

115⅞	107⅜	Treas 12¾%	1992	114½	..	11.1	8.993
105½	92⅝	Treas 10%	1992	104⅝	..	9.6	8.870
107⅜	99⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	106⅛	..	9.9	8.914
115	106⅝	Exch 12¼%	1992	113⅝	..	10.8	8.944
120	108⅝	Exch 13¼%	1992	118⅝	..	11.4	8.930
106⅛	96⅝	Treas 10%	1993	104⅞	..	9.5	8.919
117⅜	108	Treas 12¼%	1993	116¼	..	10.6	8.991
92⅛	81⅛	Fund 6%	1993	92	..	6.5	7.757
124	113⅞	Treas 13¾%	1994	122⅝	..	11.2	8.954
129⅛	113⅞	Treas 14½%	1994	128⅛	..	11.4	8.939
119⅛	103⅛	Exch 12½%	1994	117⅝	..	10.6	8.152
125⅜	113⅛	Exch 13½%	1994	123	..	11.1	8.148
102	91⅛	Treas 9%	1994	101⅛	..	8.9	8.888
117⅛	106⅜	Treas 12%	1995	115⅞	..	10.4	8.156
81⅜	75⅛	Gas 3%	1990-95	80⅝	..	3.7	8.915
108⅝	97⅛	Exch 10¼%	1995	107⅛	..	9.6	9.102
122⅜	111⅛	Treas 12¾%	1995	120⅝	..	10.6	9.158
130	117⅜	Treas 14%	1995	128⅝	..	10.9	9.157
101⅛	89⅛	Treas 9%	1992-96	100⅛	..	9.0	8.945
138⅛	125⅛	Treas 15¼%	1996	136⅛	..	11.2	9.211
129⅜	114⅜	Exch 13¾%	1996	128⅛	..	10.6	9.149
88	78	Reinst 3%	1996	86½	..	3.5	..
107	95⅞	Conv 10%	1996	105⅞	..	9.5	8.972
127⅛	115⅛	Treas 13¼%	1997	125⅞	..	10.5	9.197
110⅝	95	Exch 10¼%	1997	109⅛	..	9.7	9.116
98⅜	85⅝	Treas 8%	1997	96⅝	..	8.9	8.957
139⅛	125⅛	Exch 13%	1997	136⅝	..	11.0	9.357
87⅜	77⅜	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	86	..	7.9	8.716
106	94⅜	Exch 10¼%	1998	104⅛	..	9.4	9.108
145	128⅝	Treas 15¾%	1998	142⅝	..	10.9	9.184
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1998	119⅜	..	10.0	9.184
105⅛	93⅛	Treas 9%	1998	103⅝	..	8.2	8.972
133⅜	118⅜	Exch 12¼%	1998	131⅞	..	10.1	9.156
111⅛	98⅛	Treas 10½%	1998	109⅝	..	9.2	9.077
110⅜	97⅛	Conv 10½%	1998	109⅝	..	9.5	9.059
130⅝	116⅞	Treas 13%	2000	128⅞	..	10.1	9.206
102⅜	89⅛	Conv 9%	2000	100⅝	..	8.9	8.951
109⅜	94⅛	Treas 10%	2001	107⅝	..	9.3	9.060
107⅛	92	Conv 9¼%	2001	106⅝	..	8.7	8.590
134	120⅜	Treas 14%	1998-01	131⅝	..	10.6	9.301

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

101½	100⅝	Exch 9%	2002	100⅝	..	8.9	8.996
110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10%	2002	108	..	9.3	9.009
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1998-02	119⅛	..	10.0	9.177
101⅛	89⅛	Treas 9%	2003	100⅛	..	8.2	8.939
110⅝	94⅛	Treas 10%	2003	108⅝	..	9.2	8.976
136⅛	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000-03	133⅝	..	10.3	9.259
121	105	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	119⅝	..	9.8	9.068
110⅜	97⅛	Treas 10%	2004	108⅝	..	9.2	8.968
55⅜	51½	Fund 3½%	1999-04	53¾	..	6.1	8.068
105⅞	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2004	104⅝	..	9.1	8.956
105⅛	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2005	104⅛	..	9.1	8.942
115⅜	99⅛	Treas 10¾%	2005	113⅝	..	9.5	8.943
131⅜	119⅛	Treas 12¾%	2000-05	129⅝	..	9.8	8.954
83⅜	80⅛	Treas 9%	2000-05	82⅝	..	8.7	8.957
109⅛	93⅜	Conv 9½%	2006	107⅝	..	9.1	8.954
125	110⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	123	..	9.5	8.955
99⅜	85⅞	Treas 8¼%	2007	98¼	..	8.4	8.958
140⅛	121⅛	Treas 13½%	2004-08	138⅛	..	9.7	9.172
105⅜	97⅛	Treas 9%	2008	104⅛	..	8.6	8.730
93⅛	80⅜	Treas 8%	2008	92	..	8.7	8.772
93⅜	85⅝	Treas 8¾%	2008-12	92⅞	..	9.4	9.172
89⅛	78⅛	Treas 7¾%	2015-18	87⅝	..	8.8	8.749
133⅛	117⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	130⅝	..	9.2	9.205

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45	39½	Consols 4%		44⅛	..	9.0	
40⅞	34⅛	War Ln 3½%		39¼	..	8.9	
51⅝	46⅞	Conv 3½%		50¼	..	7.0	
33⅜	29⅛	Treas 3%		32⅝	..	9.2	
39⅜	34⅛	Treas 3½%		37⅞	..	9.2	
39	34⅛	Treas 2½%		37⅛	..	6.7	

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130	124½	Treas IL 2%	1986	129¾	..	2.0	0.957
114⅝	108½	Treas IL 2%	1990	113⅝	..	2.1	1.629
96⅝	90⅝	Treas IL 2%	1992	95⅞	..	2.1	2.473
129⅜	117⅛	Treas IL 2%	1996	125⅝	..	2.1	2.452
131⅜	120⅜	Treas IL 2%	2001	127⅝	..	2.1	2.824
129⅝	99⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2003	105¾	..	2.3	2.366
113	108⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	108⅝	..	2.2	2.358
127⅛	97⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	103½	..	2.3	2.437
113⅛	102⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2013	99⅝	..	2.1	2.437
95⅛	85⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2013	90⅝	..	2.1	2.437
103⅜	92⅜	Treas IL 2½%	2016	98⅝	..	2.1	2.357
91⅝	82⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	87⅛	..	2.1	2.357
89⅜	80⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2024	84⅝	..	2.1	2.357

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	230	Allied Irish	247	252	-1	9.0b	3.6	7.2
99½	84	Anglocher (Henry)	83	86	..	3.6	4.3	24.7
291	219	Ant New Z	241	245	..	15.0	6.2	..
12⅝	7	Bankamerica	1 71		..			
255	193	Bank Of Ireland	239	245	..	17.0	7.3	..
14	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	12	12½	..			
335	240	Bank Nova Sct	300	305	+5	17.7	5.7	8.9
481	365	Bank Of Scotland	478	483	..	23.6	4.9	8.2
68	58	Bank Of Wales	60	65	..	4.4	6.8	9.8
502	404	Barclays (aa)	518	522	..	23.6	4.5	8.6
91	65	Brentwood	72	76	..	2.3	3.1	26.5
668	553	Brown Shipley	569	575	..	27.0	4.7	8.6
153	101	Cen Mortgage	139	138	+3	2.3	1.9	11.6
415	268	Cater Allen	409	415	+10	20.9	7.1	9.1
74	51	Cedar	69½	69½	..	3.4	5.2	11.1
274	215	Chase Manhattan	2219	..	..	23.0	6.4	..
51	39	Citicorp	1034	..	..	2.0b†	6.5	..
1114	85	Commercial	974	..	..	8.0	8.1	..
2080	1600	Comm Bank Aust	1	2	..	1.3	..	..
241	201	Comm & Gen	224	228	..	11.7	5.1	29.7
264	202	First Nat Finance	254	258	..	9.1	3.5	10.8
385	298	Bernard Hol	368	370	+1	20.1	5.5	..
1101	881	Guinness Peat	1 101	1 103	+1	14.1	1.3	16.2
280	242	Hambros	1 262	1 265	..	16.0b	4.3	10.9
397	306	Hill Samuel	1 382	1 383	..	16.1	3.9	10.9
78	60	Hill Samuel	1 69½	1 70	..	3.3b	5.5	..
548	413	Joseph (Leopold)	536	545	..	15.2	3.4	22.6
1767	1350	Kitty & Pearson	1 1750	1 1800	..	72.5	7.0	15.1
552	462	Kleinwort Benson	1 480	1 487	..	20.0	4.3	9.7
540	440	Lloyds (aa)	517	520	+1	28.7	5.0	8.9
90	75	Lon Scot	82	86	..	4.3	5.1	15.9
494	347	Mercury Int	353	357	..	8.8	2.4	..
188	153	Do 6% 'A'	177	180	..	6.6	3.7	..
674	556	Midland (aa)	640	644	+3	36.6	5.6	6.5
432	350	Morgan Grenfell	386	395	+12	15.0	3.8	10.0
245	187	Nat Aust Bk	228	230	-4			

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares recover strongly

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end May 8. §Contango day May 11. Settlement day May 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 24

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
488	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	468	483	+10	14.5	3.5	13.5
955	739	Bass (aa)	930	935	+10	24.5	2.6	13.8
76½	62	Belhaven	71	72	..	1.5	2.1	13.3
745	571	Boddington	738	745	+1	20.0	2.7	13.3
578	540	Brown (Matthew)	560	567	..	20.0g	3.5	12.7
171	132	Buckley	158	161	..	4.5	2.8	15.7
288	241	Bulmer (H P)	280	285	+2	7.7	2.7	12.4
721	600	Burtonwood Brew	717	720	+2	15.4	2.1	20.6
598	448	Clark (Matthew)	487	495	+2	12.1	2.5	16.2
334	284	Dewhurst (J A)	330	335	..	11.0	3.3	12.2
2440	1767	Eldridge Pope	2400	2420	..	44.0	1.8	23.7
653	473	Hardys & Hansons	633	638	..	17.0	2.7	15.7
77½	58	Highland Dist	74	78	..	1.7	2.2	44.1
197	138	Invergordon Dist	188	192	..	4.5	2.3	11.5
1146	1000	Irish Dist	1130	1135	..	25.0	2.2	15.5
1240	1135	Marston Thompson	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Morland	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	S A Brewries	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Scot & Newc (aa)	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Wilson	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Wolverhampton 'A' (aa)	1220	1230	+2	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Do 'B'	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Whitbread Inv	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
1240	1135	Wolverhampton & D	1220	1230	..	30.0	2.4	15.2
384	274	Young 'A'	365	375	..	11.4	3.1	25.6

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
280	193	Abbey	233	238	-3			
278	202	Aberdeen Constr	233	237	..	11.9	4.3	29.0
20	20	Amec	34	37	+2	17.1	5.1	11.2
2050	1650	Anglo Utd	1 91	1 97	..	2.2	2.1	11.2
2050	1650	Ansells	1 97	1 117	..	2.2	2.1	11.2
2050	1650	Arlington	1	1

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0345 717373 (Lines)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gnl & Fixed	119.2	121.9e	+0.7	9.94
High Inc Equity	118.0	126.5e	-0.1	4.11
Worldwide Bond	195.4	207.8e	-0.7	4.67
American Growth	150.8	170.0	+4.5	1.68
Asian Pacific	89.0	73.4	+1.0	0.02
Assets & Earns	142.4	151.4c	-0.1	1.51
Capital Reserve	76.8	71.1e	..	1.42
Comm & Energy	166.4	177.0e	+2.4	0.39
European Capital	93.6	101.7e	-0.9	1.25
General	163.0	172.4	+0.7	2.58
Japan	88.4	94.0	+4.1	..
UK Growth Inc	144.2	153.3e	+1.0	1.15
Do Accum	209.2	222.5e	+1.3	0.80
US Emerging Co's	84.6	90.0	-1.0	1.86
Equitac Progress	258.9	276.4e	-3.9	2.45
Mesarms Acc	78.4	83.4	-0.8	2.01
American Inc	50.2	53.3	-0.8	4.82

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Australian	83.5	89.3	-0.2	..
Europe Growth Acc	120.7	128.5e	-1.2	1.01
Exempt	392.0	404.7c	+1.5	4.92
Far Eastern	219.0	234.2e	-16.6	0.10
Fin & Prop	81.4	86.2	+0.6	1.90
High Yield	71.1	75.3e	-0.1	4.64
Income & Gth	306.4	333.5e	-0.5	3.77
Int Earnings	193.4	204.9e	..	2.12
Int Growth Inc	99.8	103.1e	-0.1	0.48
Japan Growth Acc	146.5	156.7	-7.3	0.20
Nat Resources Inc	295.2	314.4e	+7.3	..
Nth Amer Gth Inc	123.8	132.4	-1.5	0.73
Preference Inc	120.3	127.4e	+0.1	9.78
Small Co's Div Inc	91.6	96.7	+0.4	3.97
Small Co's Gth	209.0	221.4	+1.9	1.31
Special Sits Inc	164.5	174.4	+2.9	1.21
UK Growth	356.8	420.3e	-1.3	2.53

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610396 & 0793 28221

UK Special Sits	280.6	297.4e	+0.2	2.65
Growth & Income	158.3	167.8e	-0.5	3.03
Capital Trust	295.5	313.7e	-0.4	2.63
Balanced	406.4	432.5	-0.9	2.84
Accum Trust	660.0	699.5	-0.4	2.71
American Income	30.5	32.5	+0.5	4.71
High Income Tst	302.5	321.0e	+0.6	4.09
Equity Income	173.1	183.5	+0.6	4.09
High Yield	172.3	182.6e	..	4.77
Govt Secs Trust	30.0	31.2e	+0.1	7.80
International	102.2	108.9	-2.2	0.98
Japan Fund	142.9	152.2	-5.8	0.91
Pacific Trust	224.6	238.2	-7.0	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	95.1	99.2e	-1.4	1.37
Spcs Of Amer Tst	210.5	223.2e	+5.4	0.51
Add Asset Value	287.5	304.7	+1.6	2.26
Comr & Gth Trust	39.6	41.9e	+0.3	5.35
Smaller Co's	175.8	186.5	+0.4	1.76
2nd Smaller Co's	221.3	234.6e	+1.7	1.71
Recovery Trust	102.8	109.0e	+0.4	2.38

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20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

American	47.8	50.9	-1.7	1.92
Australian	27.5	29.2	+1.2	1.71
Japan & General	136.5	147.7	-5.6	0.63
High Income	54.5	58.0	-0.1	5.19
International Trust	97.1	103.4	-1.8	0.76
Income Gth Tst	22.2	23.6	..	3.00
Ofrs & Placed Int	33.1	35.5e	+0.1	9.23
Global Markets	39.0	40.5	-1.3	4.47
Special Situations	61.6	65.6e	+0.3	1.52

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	57.4	62.4c	-2.8	0.57
Aust Accum	258.4	271.3	+3.5	0.30
Do Income	189.9	191.4	+3.0	0.30
Capital	83.4	88.2	-0.5	2.42
Exempt Trust	528.4	559.1e	-1.2	3.48
Extra Income	92.1	97.4e	..	4.55
Financial	258.4	265.9	+0.1	2.75
500	338.6	358.1	+1.0	2.26
General	168.4	178.0e	-0.1	2.70
Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.7	58.6	+0.4	9.35
Japan & Gen Inc	222.9	235.8e	-12.0	0.00
Do Acc	225.4	238.5e	-12.1	0.00
Growth Accum	209.5	221.6e	-1.7	2.01
Income Trust	411.8	435.7	+0.5	3.33

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ
01-658 9002

Australia	101.6	108.6c	+4.3	0.30
Eastern	83.5	89.2	-0.2	0.00
Equity Income	68.9	74.3e	-0.2	4.50
Europe	137.9	146.1	-1.3	1.00
Exempt Trust	23.1	24.9e	-0.1	7.75
Growth & Inc	73.3	77.5	-0.3	2.50
Global Gth	67.9	72.2	-0.2	2.20
Japan Special	114.9	122.8	-2.7	0.10
Japan Sunrise	104.2	111.4e	-4.6	0.00
First Europe	119.2	126.8c	-3.7	0.80
First Japan	95.6	102.2	-3.1	0.50
First N Amer	47.4	50.4	-1.4	1.10
First Smaller Co's	90.9	96.7e	+0.5	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGERS
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	60.9	64.2	-1.7	0.00
Do Accum	62.5	65.9	-1.7	0.00
European Inc	160.3	168.9	-0.2	1.63
Do Accum	127.5	134.5	-0.3	1.63
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	26.3	27.7e	+0.2	1.71
Do Accum	33.6	35.7	+0.3	1.71
General Inc	202.3	213.4	+0.2	1.57
Do Accum	279.5	294.9	+3.5	1.57
Gilt Yield Inc	115.0	118.5	+0.8	10.34
Global Inc	157.5	166.2	..	4.25
Do Accum	268.8	284.4	-0.1	4.25
Do Accum	201.1	207.2	+1.4	10.34
High Yield Inc	113.6	119.8e	+0.1	4.27
Do Accum	232.6	245.4	+1.9	4.27
Int Rec Inc	125.9	132.8	+0.6	1.91
Do Accum	128.0	135.1	+0.6	1.91
Japan Inc	258.0	272.0c	-12.8	0.18
Do Accum	258.0	272.0c	-12.8	0.18
Japanese Spec Inc	114.8	121.1e	-5.0	0.30
Do Accum	118.3	121.5e	-5.1	0.30
N American Inc	51.8	54.7	-1.7	0.84
Do Accum	60.3	63.5	-1.9	0.84
Pacific Inc	153.1	161.5e	-4.4	0.36
Do Accum	173.2	182.7	-5.0	0.36
Planned Investment	157.2	166.3	..	3.50
Smaller Co's Inc	112.9	119.1	+0.1	0.78
Do Accum	134.6	142.0	+0.2	0.78
UK Equity Gth Inc	34.2	36.1	+0.3	0.43
Do Accum	55.7	59.8	+0.7	0.43
Worldwide Tech Inc	50.1	52.9	..	0.02
Do Accum	50.6	53.4	..	0.02

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Financial	172.6	183.7	+1.1	2.05
Smaller Co's Acc	12.7	351.0e	+1.1	0.77
Do Income	210.4	222.7e	+0.8	0.77
High Income	84.0	88.2e	+0.2	4.95
Income	97.8	104.9e	+0.6	4.04
High Portfolio Inc	89.4	95.2	+0.4	2.18
Do Acc	151.5	161.2	+0.6	2.18
North American	57.1	60.8	-4.4	0.47
Orient	90.8	96.6e	-5.0	0.29
Exempt	288.0	307.5e	-0.3	2.06
Recovery	68.3	72.2	..	1.17
Gennen	29.9	31.8	-1.3	3.41
Technology	145.7	155.0e	-2.7	0.00
Europe	23.1	24.5e	-0.3	0.75

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Fellowship Inc	62.6	66.6e	+1.0	2.00
General Inc (4)	298.1	304.5	..	1.56
Do Accum (4)	467.3	480.4	..	1.56
Income Fund (3)	122.3	131.4e	..	4.39
Do Accum (3)	228.1	239.2e	..	4.39
Inst Inc (2)	149.2	157.0	..	0.90
Do Accum (2)	200.3	209.4	..	0.90
Smaller Inc (5)	95.4	90.7e	..	1.07
Do Accum	91.8	97.4e	..	1.07

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Capital	430.5	457.8e	+0.7	1.53
Income	344.8	366.5e	+3.4	4.51
North American	307.7	327.4e	+4.1	0.76

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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01-588 1815

Inv Fund	484.3		..	3.91
Fixed Int	147.75	e	..	9.69
Deposit	100.0		..	10.55

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Income	450.94		+6.88	4.44
Accum	2133.5591		+0.3144	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.60

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Amer Growth	23.9	25.3e	-0.8	1.50
Dragon Growth Fund	24.0	25.4	+0.5	0.50
Equity High Income	89.8	99.1e	+0.5	3.50
European Growth	31.1	33.0	-0.2	2.58
General Equity	51.1	54.1	+0.5	2.08
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	32.2	34.0	+0.5	9.58
Gilt & Fixed Inc	26.8	37.2e	+0.4	9.58
Ind Inc Tst	23.4	24.9e	+0.3	3.00
Japan Growth	41.7	44.2	+0.3	0.50
Pedigree Gth	30.0	31.8	+0.3	2.50

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01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	57.4	61.1	-0.2	2.85
Do Accum	57.4	61.1	-0.2	2.85
Income Inc	57.5	61.2	-0.2	3.88
Do Accum	57.5	61.2	-0.2	3.88
Worldwide Inc	52.6	55.6	-1.6	1.00
Do Accum	52.6	55.6	-1.6	1.00

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
181, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1088

E uro G rth & Inst	75.7	80.2	-0.7	0.66
Extra Income	219.9	232.8e	+1.1	9.78
Financial	218.2	228.1	-0.6	2.89
Gth Spec Asia Grth	80.2	85.4e	-0.8	0.00
Growth Investment	352.9	373.1	-1.2	2.05
Income & Growth	51.5	54.4c	-0.2	3.63
Japanese Growth	264.5	279.8	-18.6	0.44
Nth Amer Growth	115.1	121.9e	-3.2	0.69
Intl Recovery	154.7	163.7	+3.2	1.27
Smaller Co's	298.0	315.4	+4.1	1.16
Global Inc Tst	84.4	89.2e	+0.2	1.16
Special Sits Acc	371.1	392.7	+3.8	1.16

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American Trust	136.3	143.9	-3.0	0.89
European Trust	127.1	135.2e	-2.4	..
Growth Trust	275.4	293.0	-1.2	2.45
High Income Trust	310.7	330.5e	+1.2	4.51
Intl Tech Trust	126.2	133.2c	-1.6	..
Japanese Trust	187.4	199.4e	-6.7	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
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07372 42434

UK Income	69.2	63.0e	-0.1	4.72
UK Growth Accum	68.2	72.6e	-0.3	2.41
Do Dist	57.2	71.5e	-0.3	2.41
European Growth	61.3	65.5c	-2.4	0.98
Pacific Growth	68.3	72.9c	-4.4	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	68.5	74.0	-1.3	1.35
Capital Fund	134.5	143.5c	+0.1	1.71
Dividend	27.5	29.0	+0.1	1.71
Growth & Inc Fund	166.6	177.4	+2.3	9.52
High Dist Fund	145.3	154.3e	-1.0	0.92
International Fund	222.8	244.5	..	0.97
Pacific Fund	24.4	25.9	-0.1	..
Resources Fund	33.4	35.5e	+0.1	0.28
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.9	33.9	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	215.5	228.7	-15.0	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	141.1	145.2e	..	2.07
(Ex) Japan (3)	133.3	136.9	..	0.15
(Ex) Pacific (4)	370.7	388.1e	..	0.29
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	188.7	193.8	..	0.10

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0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	96.6	94.0	-0.1	2.52
Do Accum	90.8	96.4	-0.1	2.46
UK Growth Accum	120.1	127.4c	-0.1	1.61
UK High Inc Inc	92.0	97.6c	..	3.58
N American Accum	71.3	75.1	-2.2	0.74
Far Eastern Accum	128.0	136.5	-7.3	0.74
European Accum	89.3	95.3	-0.7	1.21
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	58.1	61.6	+0.3	7.55
Do Accum	61.8	65.6	+0.3	7.47
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Special Sits Trust	97.9	104.2	-0.1	2.11
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Intl Growth	57.9	61.6	-1.6	1.80

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Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.4	148.2e	-8.5	0.05
Far East Tst Accum	182.5	193.4e	-2.5	0.05
Euro Tst Accum	165.1	175.6c	-2.5	0.71
General Trust	277.5	295.2e	+1.2	2.83

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US Smaller Co's	68.7	71.0	-1.8	0.28
UK Income Fund	84.7	90.2e	+0.2	4.88
Far Eastern Fund	78.7	83.8	-1.3	0.00
Overseas Income	73.2	77.9	-1.3	3.41
Fixed Interest	63.0	67.1	+0.5	9.57

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Natural Res Fund	73.0	77.7	-0.8	2.26
European Income	82.5	88.1	-1.5	2.82
Financials Fund	82.9	88.4	-0.7	2.70
Intl Tech Fund	117.4	124.9e	-2.3	0.16

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Amer Gth Inc	22.6	24.0	-0.5	..
Do Acc	22.6	24.0	-0.5	..
Balanced Gth Inc	63.5	67.5e	..	1.40
Do Accum	65.0	69.1e	..	..
Income Gth Inc	58.5	62.2	+0.1	5.30
Do Accum	58.4	62.0	+0.1	..
Service Co's Inc	72.3	76.9	+0.4	1.00
Do Accum	73.4	78.1	+0.4	..
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Do acc	29.4	31.3	+0.1	..

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American	112.2	119.4	-1.0	0.54
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Amer Special Sits	85.3	90.8c	-2.3	0.01
Australian	41.4	43.8	-0.1	1.91
Do Dist	51.8	54.9	-0.1	..
European	54.5	58.0	..	5.09
European Inc	34.6	36.8	+0.2	5.08
Global Conv	24.4	26.0	+0.2	3.39
Far East Inc	40.6	43.0	-2.2	0.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.3	e	-0.2	9.58
Growth & Income	118.5	127.2	+0.4	3.58
Japan Special Sits	93.7	99.3	-2.5	..
Japan	182.9	193.6	-10.4	..
Managed Int	152.1	161.9e	-1.1	0.03
Mid Income Equity	108.1	112.9e	..	3.86
Professional Gth	41.9	44.6	+0.1	0.07
South East Asia	46.6	51.8	-2.3	0.07
Special Sits	265.3	280.4	+1.4	0.25

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01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	203.0	214.8	-5.1	..
Do Accum	207.2	219.2	-5.1	..
Amer Turnaround Inc	208.3	218.7	-5.5	1.26
Do Accum	212.4	224.7	-5.6	1.26
Capital Tst Inc	372.1	397.9e	+0.7	1.77
Do Accum	372.1	397.9e	+0.9	1.77
Conv & Gth Inc	103.7	109.7	+0.5	4.62
Do Accum	141.0	149.2	+0.6	4.62
European Inc	68.3	72.1e	+0.5	3.60
Do Accum	68.3	72.1c	+0.5	3.60
Extra Inc Tst	232.3	245.9	+0.5	5.60
Do Accum	232.3	245.9	+0.5	5.60
Financial Accum	53.3	56.4	-1.1	1.09
Do Inc	49.5	52.4	-1.0	1.09
Income Trust	182.5	191.4	+0.5	5.31
Intl Growth Fd Inc	164.4	172.9	+0.5	3.31
Intl Growth Fd Acc	165.8	173.2e	+0.5	..
Japan & Gen Inc	109.7	116.0	-2.6	..
Do Accum	110.8	117.2	-2.7	..
Monthly Income Fd	112.8	119.7e	+0.1	9.00
PEP Bf	182.9	193.5	-1.1	1.51
Recovery	189.9	199.5	-1.2	1.51
Do Accum	199.5	211.1	-1.2	1.51

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FP Equity Dist	240.6	255.4c	-0.7	2.29
Do Accum	429.4	455.7c	-1.2	2.29
FP Fixed Int Dist	131.3	123.0e	+0.4	5.57
Do Accum	143.1	152.2c	+0.4	5.57
Sapwardship Dist	227.9	231.0c	-0.1	1.36
Do Accum	238.7	240.6c	-0.1	1.36
FP North American	139.2	125.8c	-4.7	0.00
FP Pacific Basin	211.4	224.1	-9.9	0.22

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Amer Special Sits	74.8	78.5e	-2.0	0.00
UK Cap Fnd Inc	128.2	136.4	+0.4	2.20
Do Accum	185.7	197.6	+0.6	2.20
Income Fund	97.1	103.3e	+0.3	6.30
International	182.9	194.6e	-2.9	0.30
US & General	58.8	58.9	-1.4	0.70
Japan & General	280.5	298.1c	+17.0	0.10
Far East & Gen	181.2	192.7	-9.3	0.10
Germany Fund	270.1	287.4e	-1.5	0.10
Germany Fund	64.7	68.9	-0.5	1.00
Intl Inc Fund	55.2	58.8	-0.4	4.20

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01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-823 5806

American Trust	85.3	90.8	-1.6	0.70
American Tst Accum	36.4	38.8e	..	0.10
British Tst Accum	77.0	81.9	..	1.75
Do Dist	64.3	70.5	..	1.20
Commodity Share	59.7	63.5	..	0.00
European Trust	58.7	60.4	..	0.50
Extra Income Trust	59.5	63.2c	..	4.58
Far Eastern Trust	146.7	156.1	..	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	57.7	61.4	..	9.00
Fr Income Fund	25.3	26.7	..	0.34
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	25.4e	..	0.41
Global Fund Accum	197.2	209.8	..	0.41
Do Dist	167.3	178.0	..	0.41
Gold Shares Trust	28.3	30.3	+1.9	0.54
Hedged American	35.9	38.2	-0.5	0.50
High Income Trust	29.2	31.1e	..	4.80
Hong Kong Trust	97.7	104.0	-1.0	1.00
Income Fund	137.2	146.0	-0.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	302.9	315.6e	..	5.63
Oil & Energy Trust	120.3	128.1	..	0.77
Pacific Basin Trust	129.9	138.1	..	0.50
UK Smlr Co's Fac Tst	98.0	105.4	..	0.50
Cheltenham UK	25.9	27.2	-0.1	1.92

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Ind Growth	99.3	105.1	-0.8	0.99
American Growth	68.7	73.4	-2.2	2.31
American Inc	71.3	76.2e	-1.9	0.16
European Growth	233.9	250.0	-2.3	0.23
Gold & Minerals	74.4	79.1	+0.9	0.43
Japan Growth	54.3	58.0e	-1.9	..
Pacific Inc	83.5	89.2	-1.7	3.04
Pacific Strategy	50.4	53.9	-0.9	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	71.8	76.3	+1.7	3.60
UK Special Opps	150.4	159.9	+1.8	0.84

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Gilt & Fixed Int	122.9	127.7	..	8.70
Growth Equity	250.5	266.1	-1.1	1.68
Guardhill	334.3	346.4	-1.5	2.32
N American	140.2	150.0e	-4.7	0.00
Pacific	310.8	329.0e	-4.9	0.00
Property Share	357.1	356.5	+0.5	1.02
Smaller Companies	273.5	289.5e	+0.6	1.35
European Trust	279.2	295.5	+3.7	1.87

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01-623 9333

High Income	66.4	69.9e	-0.2	5.16
N Amer Trust	110.8	117.9e	-3.3	0.76
Recovery	291.1	309.7e	+2.4	2.48
Gilt Trust	40.3	41.8e	+0.3	4.68
St Vincent Inc	114.1	119.9	+0.3	4.68
St Vincent US Gth	70.2	73.2	-2.8	0.61
Temple Bar Sm Co's	239.3	252.5	..	2.88
Euro Gth Tst	49.1	52.0e	-0.1	0.89

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Hambros Smlr Co's	174.4	185.0	-1.8	1.40
Hambros N Amer	85.1	89.1	-2.0	0.84

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Jap & F E	148.9	159.0e	-2.3	0.38
Hambros Scandin	82.6	87.6	+0.2	4.31
Hambros European	103.4	111.9e	-2.5	0.62
Hambros Canadian	58.2	62.1	-1.8	1.10
Hambros Equity Inc	108.0	114.5	-0.4	4.39
Hambros High Inc	80.5	85.4e	+0.9	4.71
Hambros Res Assts	72.3	76.7	-1.2	2.33
Hambros Int Sits	67.4	71.5	-0.5	0.70

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 217300

Amer Recovery Tst	169.2	118.8e	-1.4	4.39
Amer Smaller Co's	72.2	76.7e	-0.9	0.01
Australasian	111.1	118.5e	+0.2	1.06
Capital Growth Inc	69.0	73.5e	-0.2	1.47
Do Accum	85.0	90.7e	-0.3	1.47
European	267.2	285.9e	-0.4	0.31
Euro Inc Tst	64.1	61.2	-0.4	4.16
Far East Smaller Co's	112.0	119.8	-1.5	0.16
Extra Income	213.6	233.5e	+0.7	9.70
Financial Trust	185.3	198.2	-2.3	0.04
Financial Trust	58.1	58.4e	+0.3	3.17
Gilt Trust	44.4	47.1e	-0.2	8.13
Global Healthcare	80.8	85.8	-3.5	0.01
Global Inc&Gth	66.3	69.5	..	4.80
Global Resources	139.8	149.5	+0.8	0.01
Global Tech	98.0	105.8	+4.5	1.60
Gold	98.9	105.8	+4.5	1.60
High Income Tst	233.0	248.1e	+2.6	9.22
Hong Kong	82.0	86.0	+0.2	2.73
Income & Growth Inc	170.1	181.5	-0.6	2.73
Income Assets	351.5	374.3	-0.6	3.55
International	130.0	138.5e	-0.5	1.78
Japan Special Sits	190.7	204.0e	-5.5	0.00
Japan Tst	218.2	232.4	-12.9	0.01
North American	142.8	152.7	-2.4	0.46
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.1	86.4e	-4.7	1.16
Prof & Gth	50.0	53.2e	-0.4	0.04
Recovery Tst	140.3	150.0	-0.7	1.39
Shipping & Malay	39.7	42.2	-0.7	1.39
Smaller Co's Div	155.8	165.5e	-1.0	4.07
Special Sits Inc	168.8	180.5e	-2.0	0.00
Do Accum	241.2	258.0e	-2.7	0.00
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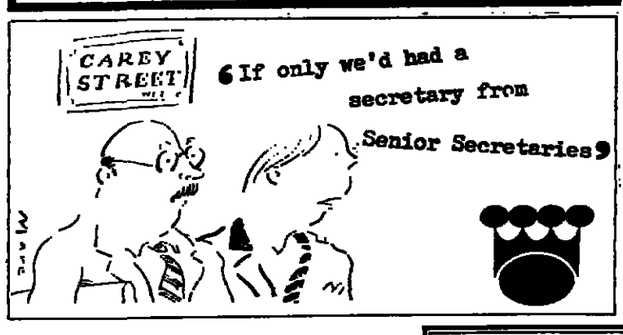
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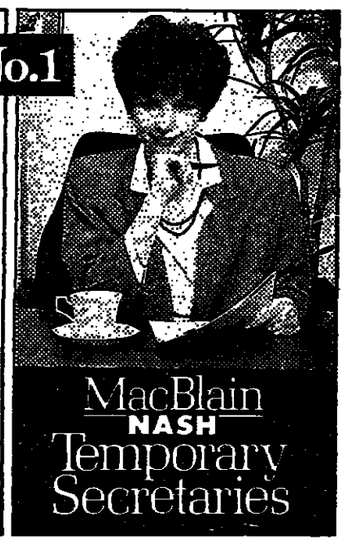
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MEDIA & MARKETING

Switch off the wallpaper

OPINION

Charles Miller

Last week Channel 4 launched *Nightime*, a group of late-night programmes to be shown until 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. Several ITV regions are also starting their own late-night services, offering television as an alternative or an accompaniment to sleep. The expansion of broadcasting into the early hours is only the latest example of British television colonizing hours when viewers are traditionally supposed to be busy with more important things. Breakfast television began the trend, and then the BBC's daytime service filled in the dots, joining breakfast to lunchtime news, and then through to children's viewing.

For those who don't take their television too seriously — and that excludes most people who make programmes and write about them — this trend can only be welcome. Those who worry that life will grind to a halt if television is available all day and all night are offering tribute to the quality of our television and the attention it commands. Teachers in Yorkshire have already complained after an experiment in their area that late-night pop video programmes produced sleepy pupils in the morning. These objections will surely disappear once children and newspapers tire of the novelty. After all, comics, record-players and other sources of children's fun don't dematerialize at close-down.

For the programme-makers, a new emphasis on longer, cheaper, more digestible programmes has changed the ambitions of producers. Not so often does one hear the plea for a film crew, some air tickets and six months in a cutting-room. Today's ambitious youngster is dreaming of four chairs and a coffee table as the vital ingredients of a programme. A key aspect of the new ideal is a return to live programmes, complete with that "anything could happen" quality previously thought of as the handicap of producers who could not afford editors. Recently the BBC2 comedy *Hello Mum* was transmitted live for no apparent reason, and the much-discussed *Last Resort with Jonathan Ross* began its series recorded, and then "went live".

The joys of live television today are the same ones proclaimed by that other fashionable young man, Simon Dee, in the late Sixties. And the live snake Dee spontaneously hung round his neck in one of the few *Dee Times* that was preserved may well be related to the one Jonathan Ross met in one of his first shows. On Saturday Ruby Wax launched *Nightime* by meeting her first live snake.

While that little circle is now complete, the new schedules will bring a change that may never be reversed. Until now, British television has been thought of mainly as an evening entertainment . That is in contrast to the United States, where the medium began as a daytime service, selling to housewives, and has always been treated with less reverence. Statistics claim that Americans watch far more than we do, but the figures don't take account of the way Americans usually talk about "having the TV on" instead of "watching it".

With more television available, British viewers may begin to adopt an American attitude, glancing at a constantly chattering television only when a programme succeeds in demanding attention.

The challenge to British viewers over the next few years is to continue switching off televisions that aren't being watched. Only if television is treated like wallpaper will programmes be allowed to become like wallpaper.

Charles Miller is the producer of BBC2's television review programme Did You See...?

Rock around the clock

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Steve Turner meets Zed Zawada

Zed Zawada's departure next month from magazine publishers EMAP Metro, to join MTV Europe as advertising sales director, is a vote of confidence in the future of rock music on cable from a qualified pulse-taker of the youth market. The 33-year-old business studies graduate, best known for his part in the successes of *Smash Hits* (circulation 515,000), *Just 17* (268,000), and *Looks* (148,000), each of which captured the emerging teenaged tastes of the 1980s, is confident that satellite broadcasting contains the new frontier.

"It sounded like the big one," he says, when asked what finally lured him away from EMAP after 11 years. "Why? Because I knew the reputation of MTV USA. I knew quite a lot about the youth market, and it seemed to me that, although publishing is a very exciting place to be, I'd done all that."

He was one of six candidates interviewed by managing director Mark Booth who, after arriving from MTV in New York, sought recommendations from advertising agencies. "He was definitely the right choice for us," says Booth. "He understands youth marketing and being conceptually driven he's really able to sell the future. Also, he's very entrepreneurial, which you need when you're starting a new business."

Despite his position on the board of EMAP Metro, Zawada, surprisingly, says he didn't need a lot of convincing to leave. "Publishing itself isn't going to change a great deal over the next five years, whereas broadcasting is," he says.

MTV Europe, due to be launched on August 15, is owned jointly by Mirror Group Newspapers (51 per cent), Viacom International (owners of MTV USA) and British Telecom, and will be essentially a Europeanized version of the New York-based cable channel. MTV USA, which started six years ago and now serves more than 33 million subscribers, established a popular 24-hour-a-day mix of competitions, interviews, videos, documentaries and news reports. This formula will be repeated in Europe with specially adapted studio sets, local VJ's (video jockeys) and coverage of European music.

Yet earlier this year, the one European attempt to instigate 24-hour cable rock was abandoned when Music Box gave up its transponder to settle for a daily spot on *Super Channel* because of a lack of support from advertisers. What leads Zawada to believe MTV can win where Music Box failed? He suggests reputation, experience and programming. It's not enough, he says, simply to stitch videos together.

"The fact that something is called a satellite channel and reckons it produces rock music programming doesn't mean that it's going to succeed. The marketplace is very tight and the viewership is going to be very low at first, perhaps around 350,000. But the demand from cable operators for us to start transmitting is very high because MTV is one of the best-known brand names in the world."



Zed Zawada: "It's not enough simply to stitch videos together"

Zawada, based at MTV Europe's London headquarters, will be approaching international clients with an interest in marketing across national boundaries. The audience, as in America, is expected to be aged 12 to 35, but likely to be spread across 12 countries. Yet, because of hard copyright negotiations, the expected launch has been put back more than once, causing scepticism within the music industry as to whether it would ever take place.

"That was one of the specific reasons why I was so keen on it," claims Zawada. "Mark Booth said they were prepared to pack their bags and leave unless they could establish a commercially viable deal with the record companies, the Performing Rights Society (PRS) and so on.

"There has been some proper hard-nosed negotiating going on, whereas all the other channels have just given in. I wouldn't have made the move if I wasn't sure this was going to happen. I was extremely well established at EMAP. I was very happy, totally bullet proof and ready to do all sorts of other wonderful things."

With a transponder finally booked on Intelsat V and satisfactory negotiations completed with those protecting the interests of the songwriters and performers, the 12 million homes in Europe which are cabled should have the MTV option this summer. Zawada said: "Music is the one commodity, if you can call it that, which is transportable across both cultural and national boundaries. What it did in the States was to transform completely the music business and great chunks of youth marketing. It's capable of doing that in Europe as well."

British to the fore in the battle of the headcounters

Nielsen, unchallenged ruler of the US television ratings since the 1950s, is now facing a threat to its monopoly from a far more sophisticated 'people meter' developed by a British company

In New York City's media gulch, the canyon of skyscrapers housing the three major TV networks, Tuesday mornings is when hearts stop. That is when the weekly Nielsen rankings are published, signalling the rise and fall in the popularity of programmes. In the unashamedly commercial world of American television, when a programme's ratings are good, the money pours in as the advertisers claw to buy airtime, but, when a programme falters, heads roll .

The Nielsen ratings have been a fixture in the American broadcasting industry for more than 30 years, providing an historic barometer of American tastes and generating hundreds of millions in revenue for their creator. But now a British company, AGB Research, is challenging Nielsen and hopes to snatch the lucrative audience measurement contract.

AGB is joining the battle armed with a British-developed "people meter", which it claims to be the ultimate in audience measurement. Unlike the Nielsen meter, a device invented in the 1950s that has measured only when a TV set has been turned on, and to which channel, the AGB meter can tell you who is watching.

A computerized device on top of the television set flashes a message asking everyone in the room to enter a personal identification code into a remote-control device resembling a pocket calculator. Every night, the data from the meter is flashed by telephone to AGB's computer centre in Columbia, Maryland, where it is assembled into a sophisticated daily report, revealing not only how many people have watched the previous day's output, but their ages and social classification. AGB, backed by Schroder Ventures plc, is spending $30 million (about £20 million) to install the people meter in 2,000 American homes by the end of the year, and another 3,000 in 1988.

Spearheading AGB's effort in America is Stephen Buck, a group director of the British parent company and the chief executive of its American subsidiary, AGB Television Research Inc. "What's at stake is that there is a really good chance of getting a share of a significant and very profitable market that has been monopolized by one company and is growing because of the enormous size of the advertising market," he said.

Nielsen, fighting back, has developed a people meter of its own and is backing it with a $100 million commitment. But AGB has already signed contracts with several cable operators, programme syndicators and CBS, and expects deals with the other two major networks within a few months.

It will take time before it is clear who will win the battle of the headcounters. The American networks, which take in almost $9 billion (£6 billion) a year from advertisers, are believed to prefer Nielsen, whose data has tended to overstate network audiences at the expense of the new group of cable programme services. Some advertising agencies, sensing they can force down the price of commercial time if the data reports that audiences are lower, are tending towards the AGB camp.

The most likely outcome, at least in the short term, is for Nielsen and AGB to work in parallel, while each tries to come up with yet another technical innovation to refine further the science of audience measurement. Such a system, says Dr Stephen Buck, is likely to be a "perfectly passive people meter," using an as-yet-undeveloped technology able to recognize electronically every member of a household.

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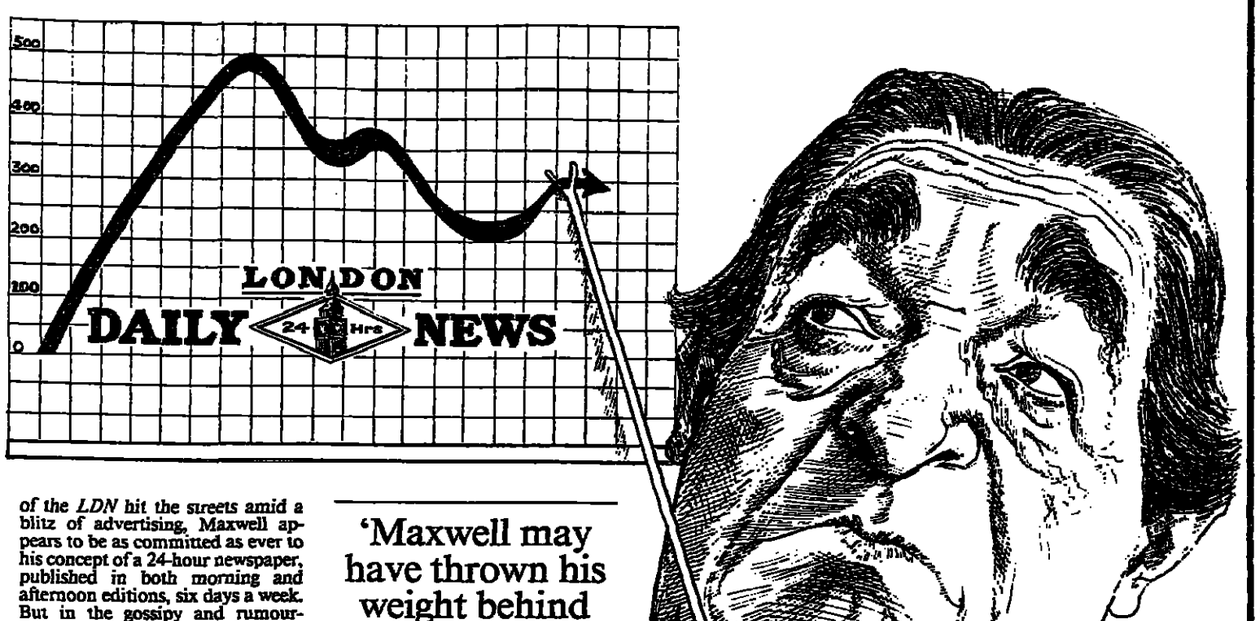
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Figuring out the sales

Press baron Robert Maxwell launched his *London Daily News* in a blaze of publicity. Jonathan Miller asks: how has it fared?



It was simply a coincidence this week that Robert Maxwell held one of his frequent press conferences the morning after London Weekend Television had broadcast its adpatation of Evelyn Waugh's classic Fleet Street comic novel, *Scoop*.

It was a coincidence that did not escape the notice of the regular corps of Maxwell watchers who gathered on Monday in the rotunda of the Mirror Group Newspapers building at Holborn Circus in the City of London.

As one of Maxwell's minions operated a slide projector to demonstrate in graphical form the claimed success of the *Mirror's* latest promotional ploy, Maxwell interrupted the presentation to reveal how he had personally overruled the advice of his marketing men to insist on a different approach.

The subordinate, initially taken aback by the intervention, quickly recovered his poise, paying fulsome praise to the superior wisdom of his boss. At this, a young reporter leaned over to her colleagues and said, in a stage whisper: "Up to a point, Lord Copper," reducing many of the assembled cast of media journalists to undisguised giggles.

Maxwell, whose ego is as tremendous as his physique, adores holding press conferences. In recent months, he has often summoned the corps of Fleet Street media writers to reveal his latest thinking on the future direction of newspaper publishing.

Particularly favoured members of the press are even invited for specially elevated personal sessions aboard Maxwell's pride and joy, a gleaming Gulfstream executive jet.

Few of Maxwell's initiatives are less than "major" or "unprecedented" and this year, no subject has been more so than his launch of the *London Daily News*, the "paper that never stops for the city that never sleeps".

Two months after the first copies of the *LDN* hit the streets amid a blitz of advertising, Maxwell appears to be as committed as ever to his concept of a 24-hour newspaper, published in both morning and afternoon editions, six days a week. But in the gossipy and rumour-prone precincts of Fleet Street (a term used here in a contemporary rather than geographical sense), there is a growing body of opinion that Maxwell may have thrown his considerable weight behind a commercial loser.

Shortly after launching the new title, Maxwell announced at a press conference that he would never resort to "bingo games" to sell his paper. That throw-away line was conveniently forgotten as the paper was forced to launch a £1 million mortgage giveaway to compete with the stunningly successful house giveaway launched by *The London Evening Standard*.

Maxwell was also angered on the day before the *LDN* appeared, when the *Standard* revived *The London Evening News* at a very low price of 15p. Maxwell cut the price of the *LDN* to 10p, only to be forced to increase it again a mere three weeks later.

Through none of this has Maxwell seemed to lose his basic confidence — some would say his over-confidence — in his product. Within days of his launch, the LDN declared in an editorial in the that his new title had already succeeded in toppling the *The Standard* from its lead in the London newspaper market. He claimed that the *LDN* was selling more than 500,000 copies a day, and that his rival was lying about its own circulation figures.

> **'Maxwell may have thrown his weight behind a loser'**

Lord Rothermere, proprietor of *The Standard*, promptly hit Maxwell with a libel writ, forcing a withdrawal of the claim. Maxwell, hardly pausing to lick his wounds, promptly declared that his own paper was selling "conservatively" 321,000 copies a day.

This was based on a readership survey conducted by telephone, and was promptly challenged by media analysts who calculated that the real sale of the Maxwell title was probably closer to 260,000.

At his press conference this week, Maxwell came out with a third figure for his *LDN*, claiming its sale was about 300,000 a day and that the paper was meeting its circulation and advertising targets. Fleet Street now awaits independent audited figures with some interest. But independent observers believe that this figure, too, may have to be adjusted in a southerly direction.

Some estimates in the opposition camp suggest that the sale may have dropped to between 160,000 and 180,000. Of this, about 100,000 sales are estimated to come from the morning market, with the remainder from the afternoon.

There is now empirical evidence to support the belief that the *LDN* is troubled. A survey of newsagents and street vendors conducted by *The Times* shows that among those who sell newspapers, there is a broad consensus that the *LDN* is a slow seller.

Mr R.M. Patel, a newsagent in East London, said yesterday that he is selling about 90 copies of the *LDN* each week, compared with about that many every day for the *Standard*. He was among several agents who said that he is continuing to receive more copies of the paper than he has ordered.

Street vendors at major London pitches and rail terminals say that sales of the *LDN* fell between 30 to 50 per cent when the price doubled.

Over at *The Standard*, Bert Hardy, chief executive, has become sanguine about the competition. He said yesterday: "I don't want to sound too cocky but there's no doubt about it. The *Evening Standard* remains untouched by the *Daily News* as far as circulation and advertising is concerned. As far as we're concerned, the *Daily News* has become a non-event."

BYLINES

The price of survival

A further price rise is envisaged for *The Evening News*, the recently disinterred sister paper to Associated Newspapers' *London Evening Standard*. The newspaper's price was increased from 5p to 10p last week, but Bert Hardy, chief executive of *The Standard*, said: "We will need to increase the price again. Ten pence will not bring the paper into profit even if we hit our 100,000 circulation target." The increase will enable the paper to get an ABC figure and thus "charge a realistic price for its advertising".

Associated is keen to dispel the belief that *The Evening News* was revived merely as a temporary move to spoil the February launch of Robert Maxwell's *London Daily News*. John Leese, editor of *The Standard* and *The Evening News*, was due to appoint the latter's first full-time editor this week, and a full-time staff is gradually being appointed.

Hardy added that *The Evening News's* losses so far were justified as "promotional costs" and were covered by *The Standard's* circulation rise — 566,032 in March last year. He vowed that, because of its value in protecting *The Standard*, Associated will not close down *The Evening News* if Maxwell withdraws the *LDN* from the London paper war; but he admitted: "I don't see *The Evening News* making a profit."

Resignations

As the publishing industry faces an array of threats to its future, from the EEC imposition of VAT on books to copyright and marketing problems, there is increasing concern at the number of influential, medium-sized companies resigning from the chief trade association, the Publishers' Association.

Last week Weidenfeld announced its departure, following recent resignations by Pan, Macmillan London and Sidgwick. Many companies feel they have insufficient control over how the huge association spends their high annual membership fees (for example, £30,000 for Pan).

W.H. Smith bid?

Following the £5.5 million purchase by Virgin Vision, the Virgin Group's screen media subsidiary, of Rushes, the leading commercials post-production and computer graphics facility, there are signs of another predator hovering over the competitive market.

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More colour

Mirror Group Newspapers proprietor Robert Maxwell, who has had a special team working on colour supplement dummies for the past three months, is likely to launch one through the *Sunday Mirror*, partly to protect his newspaper from the *News On Sunday*, and partly as ground work for a mooted new up-market colour tabloid . . .

The largest-ever meeting of European record companies' heads will gather in London next month to discuss anti-piracy body IFPI's proposed campaign to have the new digital audio tape equipment for home use made incapable of recording from compact discs. . . ITV's sales directors can expect a roasting at the plush Television '87 marketing conference which begins in Copenhagen today from attending advertisers furious at rising airtime costs and falling programme standards. . . . *Harpers and Queen* editor Nicholas Coleridge is compiling a selection of pieces from Jocelyn Stevens' influential 1960s magazine, *Queen*, for a Christmas book.

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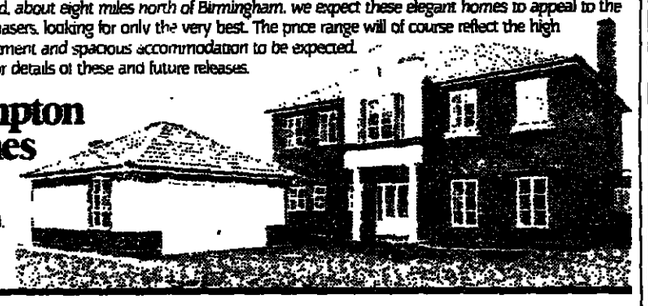
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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

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Prudential Property Services in Leicester report, in the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' survey, that activity has been increasing since February's bad weather with property in the lower and middle ranges beginning to show a seasonal surge, though houses in the upper range are not so successful yet.

Beardsley Theobalds of Long Eaton, Nottingham, have detected an increase in both sales and the number of properties coming on the market recently, while agents in Louth and Lincoln all report buoyant demand. It adds up to an optimistic view of property in the area, confirmed by builders, particularly in the Leicester area.

William Davis Ltd, based in Loughborough, is building all over the east Midlands. John Robinson, the sales manager, says the industry in the Midlands is experiencing two phenomena — the increasing demand for executive-style housing and the boom in private sheltered housing for the elderly.

Mr Robinson explains: "Many people are realising that the cost of a large, executive-style house in this area compares more than favourably with the equivalent further south."

This type of home can be an ideal purchase in the right areas, where the homes are close enough to motorways and link roads for the commuter, and also well-placed for schools, services and the countryside. In addition, London is only one hour 20 minutes from Leicester by rail.

The firm's Designer Collection range, with en suite bathrooms, two reception rooms, inglenook fireplaces and double garages, is being built at Mountsorrel, Great Glen and Quorn in Leicestershire (and in Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire), costing from £76,900.

For its retirement developments, Davis designs its schemes round courtyards, with landscaped gardens, and the one- and two-bedroom bungalows are fitted with alarm systems, have security features, and there is a resident warden.

Ann Edwards, the retirement home sales manager, says the elderly need a community of their own but still want to remain within their own area, and she points to the community centre at the firm's scheme at Bridge Green, Strelley, where there is a full-sized bowling green.

There are three Davis retirement schemes in Nottinghamshire — Strelley, Carlton and West Bridgford — with another starting at Ruddington. Others are planned in the east Midlands. Prices start at £27,950. (*Information from the Abbott Ensor Partnership: 0533 551939*).

David Wilson Homes, based in Leicester, is among the 10 largest residential housebuilders in Britain, spreading to build developments along the south coast from Weymouth to Portsmouth, in the high-tech region near Bristol, and to the northern commuter areas of Peterborough and Northampton.

The firm, the largest private house-building company in the country until it went public in February, embraces the whole range of the house-buying public from the first-time buyer onwards, with prices from £26,950 to £150,000. It attempts to provide high quality and a little more space than its competitors.

In line with present demands, and itself a pioneer, it offers a wide variety of styles, about 150 in all, including the always popular Tudor, Georgian and Regency designs, as well as contemporary designs.

This has proved particularly successful on the large developments, such as Forest House Farm five miles from the centre of Leicester, where there will be 430 houses by the end of the year. Buyers want a house which is different from its neighbours, and the planned result is a mixture of styles throughout the scheme, particularly on the front of the development, reinforcing the up-market feel of the surrounding area and turning the A47 which runs by it from an ordinary arterial road into a drive through a prosperous residential area.

There are some 50 styles of house at Forest House Farm, and those available range in price from £34,950 for a three-bedroom, semi-detached house to around £100,000 for detached four-bedroom houses.

Other developments in the east Midlands include The Beeches at Narborough, Leicestershire, which has 140 homes, and Kingswood Gardens, at Wollaston, five miles from Nottingham, both of which are designed to preserve the rural nature of the areas. (*David Wilson Homes: 0530 60777*).

On a much smaller scale, Corry's Interior Designs is building five mews houses, fully fitted, on the village green at Great Glen, Leicestershire, 15 miles from the M1. Of the first three, two are sold, and two more will be ready in two or three months' time. They are spacious, 2,750 square feet, and are given a traditional feel by the use of sash windows, Victorian taps and antique marble fireplaces. They have three bedrooms, one with an en suite bathroom, two reception rooms, a conservatory, and a walled patio garden.

These mews houses form an unusual development. Mrs Peggy Corry says they are attracting interest from both commuters and from retired people who wish to move from a larger property, but admits they are not ideal for families with small children. Price: £118,500. (*Details: 0533 703794*).



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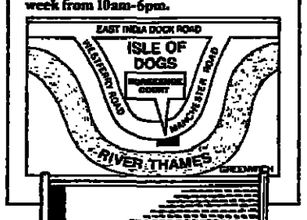
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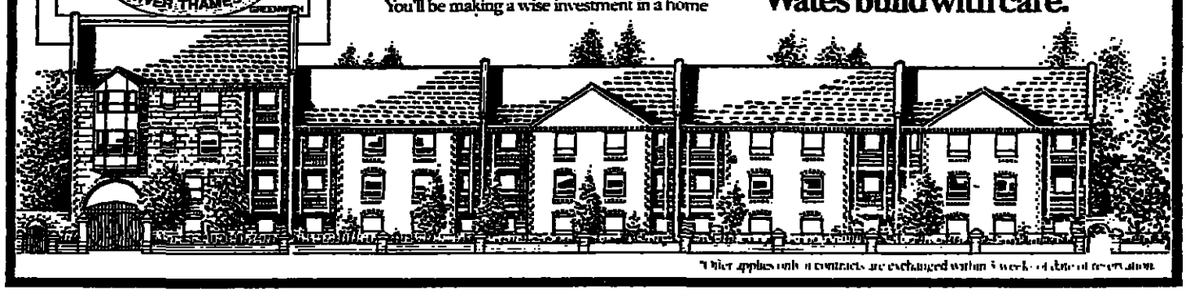
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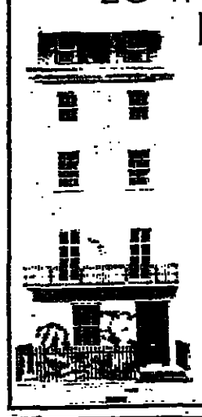
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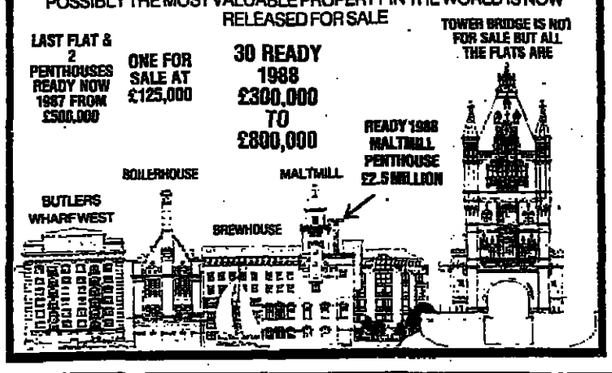
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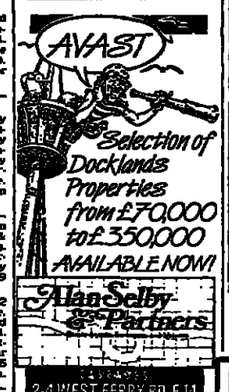
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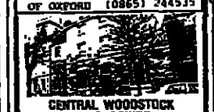
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RUGBY UNION

England's first World Cup match will be refereed by Lawrence

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Keith Lawrence, the former hooker from Bay of Plenty whose refereeing contributed so much towards the exciting Five Nations championship matches this season between France and Scotland, and Scotland v Wales, will handle England's opening game in the World Cup next month, against Australia.

He is one of 14 referees – two from each of the participating International Rugby Football Board countries – whose appointments were announced yesterday, incorporating all group matches and the quarter-finals. The officials to handle the semi-finals, in Sydney (June 13) and Brisbane (June 14), will be named in Brisbane on June 9, the day after the quarter-finals are completed.

Each referee will have his national colleague on the line throughout the group matches and in the quarter-finals, all of which have gone to northern hemisphere officials. If Australia and New Zealand survive to the semi-finals, as seems likely, northern refereeing influence may be maintained throughout.

England's two representatives, Fred Howard and Roger Quittenton, will both be in New Zealand. Howard has been given the stimulating match on May 23 in Christchurch, between France and Scotland, which may well decide the winner of group four. He will also handle the group two match in Dunedin on May 30, between Ireland and Canada. Quittenton's two matches are in group three, where he looks after Argentina and Italy (Christchurch, May 28) and New Zealand v Argentina (Wellington, June 1), which may also be a group decider.

The Scottish pair, Brian Anderson and Jim Fleming, divide their time between New Zealand and Australia. Anderson handles Australia's game with the US in Brisbane (May 31) and must then wait until June 7 for his next game, the quarter-final in Sydney which may involve Australia against Ireland or Wales. Fleming has been appointed to Australia's game with Japan (Sydney, June 3) and Fiji v Argentina (Hamilton, May 24).

Ireland's David Burnett and Steven Hilditch occupy the same group, with Hilditch taking Romania v Zimbabwe (Auckland, May 23) and Scotland v Romania (Dunedin, June 2). Burnett's group four game is Scotland v Zimbabwe (Wellington, May 30) but he also has a quarter-final, that in Christchurch on June 6 which may be New Zealand and Scotland, assuming France win group four.

The Welsh pair, Clive Norling and Derek Bevan, cover three groups between them. Bevan opens with New Zealand v Fiji (Christchurch, May 27) and then moves to Auckland (June 2) for France v Zimbabwe. Norling is dispatched to Napier for Canada's game with Tonga (May 24) and then waits until June 7 before handling the Auckland quarter-final, which may conceivably involve France and Argentina.

The fourth quarter-final, in Brisbane on June 8, which could be England against Ireland or Wales, goes to Rene Hourquet of France, who will also handle England's game with Japan in Sydney on May 30.

WORLD CUP APPOINTMENTS

GROUP ONE: May 23: Australia v England (Sydney): Referee: K H Lawrence (NZ). Touch judges: D J Bishop (NZ), R Hourquet (Fr). May 24: Japan v USA (Brisbane): G Maurette (Fr): Hourquet, C A Waldron (Aus). May 30: England v Japan (Sydney): Hourquet; Maurette, J M Fleming (Sco). May 31: Australia v USA (Brisbane): J B Anderson (Sco); Fleming, Maurette. June 3: England v USA (Sydney): K V J Fitzgerald (Aus); R J Fordham (Aus), B M Kinsey (Aus); Australia v Japan (Sydney): Fleming; Anderson, A R MacNeill (Aus).

GROUP TWO: May 24: Canada v Tonga (Napier): C Norling (Wal); W D Bevan (Wal), Fordham. May 25: Ireland v Wales (Wellington): Fitzgerald; Fordham. Lawrence. May 29: Wales v Tonga (Palmerston North): D J Bishop (NZ); Lawrence, S R Hilditch (Ire). May 30: Ireland v Canada (Dunedin): F Howard (Eng); R C Quittenton (Eng), Norling. June 3: Wales v Canada (Invercargill): Bishop; Lawrence, T F Doocey (NZ); Ireland v Tonga (Brisbane): Maurette: Hourquet, Waldron.

GROUP THREE: May 22: New Zealand v Italy (Auckland): Fordham; Fitzgerald, Fleming. May 24: Fiji v Argentina (Hamilton): Fleming; Anderson, Hilditch. May 27: New Zealand v Fiji (Christchurch): Bevan; Norling, Howard. May 28: Argentina v Italy (Christchurch): Quittenton; Howard, Bevan. May 31: Fiji v Italy (Dunedin): Lawrence; Bishop, Norling. June 1: New Zealand v Argentina (Wellington): Quittenton; Howard, D I H Burnett (Ire).

GROUP FOUR: May 23: Romania v Zimbabwe (Auckland): Hilditch; Burnett, Anderson; France v Scotland (Christchurch): Howard; Quittenton. Doocey. May 28: France v Romania (Wellington): Fordham; Fitzgerald, Burnett. May 30: Scotland v Zimbabwe (Wellington): Burnett; Hilditch, Bevan. June 2: France v Zimbabwe (Auckland): Bevan; Norling, Quittenton; Scotland v Romania (Dunedin): Hilditch; Burnett, C Dainty (NZ).

QUARTER-FINALS. June 6: Winner group three v runner-up group four (Christchurch): Burnett; Hilditch, Howard. June 7: Winner group four v runner-up group three (Auckland): Norling; Bevan, Quittenton; Winner group one v runner-up group two (Sydney): Anderson; Fleming, Maurette. June 8: Winner group two v runner-up group one (Brisbane): Hourquet; Maurette, Fleming.

Northern's loyalties are split

By David Hands

Northern, who celebrate 50 years of rugby at McCracken Park, Newcastle, early next season, will be hard pressed to know who to support during the coming World Cup tournament in New Zealand and Australia. They have three former players involved with three national squads.

Jon Webb, the uncapped Bristol player, turned out for Northern when he was living in Newcastle and is England's reserve full back; Scott Hastings was at Newcastle University and played for Northern in various positions behind the scrum before returning to Watsonians and becoming Scotland's centre; and Joe Clarkson, from Leeds, who was also at the local university and played for Northern, is in the American squad which will play in England's group in Australia.

Clarkson, aged 30, has been selected at stand-off half for the United States but played at full back for Northern.

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Winnington Park have won the North-West Globbank League for the second year. Their 16-0 win at Davenport ensured an unbeaten record in North-West division one in what is the final year of the competition, since the competing clubs will be incorporated next season in the inaugural Courage Club championship.

ATHLETICS: A HILL FARMER SURVEYS THE MARATHON AND A SPORTING IMBALANCE IS REDRESSED

Darts and shandy as a runner prepares

By Michael Coleman

When you are 48, like Tony Dicker, the arresting forecast that 'by the year 2000 a fifth of the population in Wales will be of retirement age' becomes very relevant indeed. "I'm getting elderly myself" he said, when explaining his reason for deciding to run for Age Concern Wales in the coming Mars London Marathon.

Dicker can be called a working hill farmer at Llanwrthwl in Powys, although his energies are now being directed into a new job he has taken as project supervisor for ACW at Newtown, about 20 miles away. Much of the population of Newtown has, like Dicker himself, moved in over recent years from the cities such as Liverpool and London. Many of these are retired people who, as is so often the case, profess to prefer "keeping to themselves." Loneliness and neglect can ensue.

In January, Nicholas Edwards, the Minister of State for the principality, designated 1987 as the 'Year of the Elderly' in Wales. Among the objectives is the raising of £250,000 to provide day centres, luncheon clubs, and minibus transport. Dicker is one of the vanguard.

"It's funny, but I took up the ACW job the day the advert appeared in your paper inviting London Marathon rejects to become Times/Tandem Computer fund runners", he said, "There must be some significance in this, don't you think?"

He reckons he can gather £10,000 from sponsors, since many volunteers will be out collecting for him through the various Age Concern groups. He also makes the somewhat alarming claim that he only began serious training for the race on March 25, the day of the advert. However, in view of his previous knowledge of the sport, as a member of Woodford Green Athletics Club in London, he is confident of surviving.

"Since I came up to this part last June from London and bought the farm it's involved a lot of lifting work, knocking the place into shape. On top of that, I'm out in the open air from the moment I do the morning rounds of the ducks, peacocks, sheep, lambs and such like."

He revealed that he is mapping out his marathon preparation with the help of "five close advisers", to wit, his arms and legs and his heart. He was not entirely joking, since for generations these five made up the harrier's bible, until training articles in the glossy magazines became the vogue.

But his further revelation of intensive winter training, "at the Triangle Inn, lifting pints of shandy and playing darts", one can surely take with a pinch of salt. After all, a touch of humour was not uncommon before going to the gallows.

It will be his third London Marathon. He did not reach the finish the first time in 1981, dropping out at 20 miles, but got to Westminster Bridge the following year in just over four hours, although the delay at the start made it worth 3hr 58min, he thinks. It might have been even quicker had he not delayed at Blackfriars to lend a mental crutch to another fellow sufferer finding the last stretch like the Hill of Calvary.

Dicker will have his third attempt at the race on May 10, intent this time on providing crutches of a financial nature to many thousands more.



Helping the aged: Tony Dicker aims for Westminster Bridge

Loader charts the hope in each and every stride

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

There is all too little literature on athletics, and even less good writing compared to boxing and cricket. Which is why the reissue of *Testament Of A Runner*, by WR Loader (The Kingswood Press, £5.95) is doubly welcome. Loader had the dual advantage of being a good runner, AAA junior 100 yards champion in 1935, and a novelist. That combination produced a book, originally published in 1960, which only Peter Lovesey's *Kings Of Distance* comes near to matching in English athletics literature.

What a joy to find a writer who really knows about athletics and athletes, their fears, their follies, and the ultimate hope, inherent in every stride; and can write about them so thoughtfully, with only the occasional resort to cliché and portentousness. "I would rate Bannister's victory in the European Games (sic) 1,500 metres later that year as more meritorious (compared to the first sub-four minute mile) . . . that was when the man showed his true worth as a runner". And that is where Loader reveals his worth as an athletics critic/commentator, aware of history but not overawed by it – there is little better advice for the aspiring competitor.

Loader's athletic aspiration was to break 10 seconds for 100 yards. And his personal history, beginning as a schoolboy in the north east and culminating in post-*Chariots of Fire* Oxbridge, is a model in the successful combination of documentary and drama. Loader would have made a good coach. He educates while entertaining, illuminating his philosophy with anecdote.

Fifty years later, a faster sprinter than Loader is making a more humble, but no less welcome contribution to athletics literature. Ernie Obeng, the Ghanaian sprinter now seeking British citizenship, has published *One Track Mind – A Runner's Primer of Poetry* (Exposition Press of Florida Inc, £2.75, from 56 West Park Avenue, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4AL). Examples of Obeng's poetry – "To you it's just ten seconds; To me it's been five years. To you it's just a 100 dash; To me it's sweat and tears. . . ." – can be found in the equally welcome, relaunched *Athletics Today*.

Some very bad news, however, is the demise of the American magazine, *The Runner*, which was the best-written, popular athletics publication in English. The title has been bought by its competitor, *Runners' World*.

The Runner's final, hollow laugh was a lengthy article on a Kenyan woman, who was alleged to have run a marathon in training in under two hours 20 minutes – the world record target that Ingrid Kristiansen will be attacking in London next month. Some coyness and omissions of photographs, led to suspicion, which was confirmed on a reading of the "drop-heads", the large, black letters which start paragraphs. Spread over three pages, they read APRIL FOOLS!

A five year agony in just 10 seconds

Lovelock's death was not suicide

Followers of Jack Lovelock will be interested in a letter from Michael Reilly in response to the book on the New Zealand Olympic 1,500 metres champion, which we reviewed at Christmas (*Lovelock, a novel*, by James McNeish, Hodder and Stoughton £10.95). Referring to suspicions that Lovelock's death under a subway train might have been suicide, Reilly writes: "He had a wonderful head for heights. I remember once chatting to him on the top landing at Mary's(church tower at Oxford). He was sitting on the rail, with his feet off the ground and his back to a horrifying drop. I felt dizzy watching him, but he was utterly nonchalant. Later he had a bad fall from a horse, and was severely concussed . . . there is no mystery about his tragic death. He had a dizzy spell and fell in front of a train. In 50 years as a doctor, I have met many suicides, but none of them was like Jack Lovelock".

Call for death inquiry

Bonn (Reuter) – In an open letter to the national athletics team doctor, leading female West German athletes have called for an urgent explanation of the death this month of Brigit Dressel, who was fourth in the heptathlon at last year's European championships.

Dressel, aged 26, died in Mainz on April 10, within hours of being admitted to hospital with back pains. False medical treatment was given as the probable cause of death in an autopsy, prompting speculation that she was a victim of "doping manipulation."

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(Michael Phillips)

With pride of place going to the Insulpak Victoria Cup, an excellent overall programme of Flat racing beckons at Ascot today before the action switches to Newmarket for the rest of the week.

My short-list for the feature race comprises Sailor's Song, Mystical Man and De Rigueur, who finished third and fourth respectively in the Lincoln, Sylvan Express and Frivole.

Sylvan Express is my first choice but I can pass on the information that both Sailor's Song and Frivole will go to the post well fancied by their respective trainers, Nicky Vigors and Paul Cole.

Yesterday, Vigors reported that he has seldom had a horse work as well as Sailor's Song has been doing this spring.

Cole is adamant that Frivole will make a bold showing following that encouraging run in the Spring Cup at Newbury where she finished a close fifth, having led at today's distance. This afternoon, she will be meeting the second, De Rigueur, on identical terms.

In the Lincoln, De Rigueur finished a length and a half behind Mystical Man but on the least favoured side of the course. However, the way that Mystical Man ran out of steam towards the end of that straight mile pointed to him being better suited to today's shorter distance.

But there is also ground for believing that Sylvan Express will relish the additional furlong having finished so well at the end of six furlongs on his seasonal debut at Newmarket.

At the start of last season, Sylvan Express needed a race to put him right to win a similar race to today's, at Newmarket on 2,000 Guineas day.

That run at Newmarket in the Abernant Stakes a fortnight ago will have cleared away any cobwebs that may have still been lingering after his winter's break.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow the rest of the runners that Cole has sent from Whatcombe, notably Zaizoom (3.40) and Spy Hunter (4.10).

Those who are expecting Lockton to run a big race in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas will be hoping to see Zaizoom win the White Rose stakes. Recently, they finished first and third respectively in the Thirsk classic trial.

The 5lb allowance that Zaizoom and Chesham Squire, the other very promising maiden in the field, get from those who have won should prove decisive in this company.

Discussing Spy Hunter, the unraced two-year-old that he runs in the EBF Garter Stakes, Cole said yesterday: "You can nap him with confidence. He has given us the impression that he has several gears."

So while I must add that both the 100,000 guinea Tap On Wood colt Acajou and Richard Hannon's newcomer Savahra Sound, who is by that fast horse Song, are also the subjects of glowing reports, I have no intention of looking this particular gift horse in the mouth.

By Roberto, who was the only horse to ever beat Brigadier Gerard, out a mare who was a good two-year-old in the United States, Spy Hunter could easily turn out to be well above average if his homework has not been misleading.

Bint Pasha and Laabas, the other two fancied runners from Whatcombe this afternoon, may each have to play second fiddles Bint Pasha to Mountain Memory in the Insulpak Stakes and Laabas to Island Set in the Chobham Apprentice Handicap.

Last September, Mountain Memory and Bint Pasha finished second and fourth respectively behind Invited Guest in the Hoover Fillies' Mile, run over today's course and distance. They meet now on the same terms.

Finally, Paean is preferred to Sadeem for the Insulpak Sagaro Stakes.

● Kelso course specialist Flying Ace lost ground by running wide at Ayr when beaten eight lengths by Cool Brew (Brian Beel writes). Now on 8lb better terms, Flying Ace can reverse the placings in the SMT United Border Hunt Chase.

Nicholson triumphs with High Plains

From our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The David Nicholson-trained High Plains won the BMW *Champion Novice Hurdle* at Punchestown yesterday and only the last-fence fall of Hazy Sunset deprived English stables of a big-race double.

***High Plains*, who had finished fourth in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham behind Tartan Tailor, made the best of this year's crop of Irish novices look very slow indeed.**

After jumping the second-last flight, Ocean Ranger stopped very quickly and he was passed in a matter of strides by Wolf of Badenoch and High Plains.

The writing was on the wall however for supporters of the favourite as Richard Dunwoody was coasting along on High Plains and this 8-1 chance went clear coming to the final hurdle.

In the previous race, the Motor Import Handicap Chase, Hazy Sunset, trained by Fred Winter and ridden by Peter Scudamore, had a three-length advantage over Eddie Wee as he rose at the last jump, but he did not rise nearly high enough and took a heavy fall.

Kildimo and Playschool, who had finished first and second in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham in front of the subsequent Jameson Irish Grand National winner Brittany Boy, were both withdrawn at the overnight stage for today's *Tattersalls Gold Cup* at Punchestown, leaving Hazy Sunset's stable companion Bajan Sunshine as the sole English runner.

Asmussen leaves it late before collecting treble

Cash Asmussen almost missed the first leg of a winning treble on his first visit to Bath yesterday.

David Elsworth had booked Asmussen to ride Royal Rabble in the first race, the Spa Selling Stakes, but was on the point of altering the declaration to Tony McGlone because there was no sign of the American.

Then Asmussen arrived with literally seconds to spare, although he had no time to look at the course.

In the race, Sparkling Judy took command just inside the last quarter mile, but with 100 yards to go Asmussen swooped on Royal Rabble and was four lengths clear at the post.

"We had plane trouble," the winning rider explained. "We flew out of Ballydoyle then had to change planes at Shannon, hit a head-wind and were late at Bristol. The last leg was by taxi."

David Elsworth was not unduly anxious to keep his 13-2 winner, letting her go to the 1,800 guineas bid of Harold Bishop, a Swansea garage proprietor.

Asmussen went on to complete his treble on two Robert Sangster-owned colts, the Golden Fleece newcomer Colchis, who landed the Somerset Stakes, and the promising Newmarket second Gallic League, a runaway 10 lengths winner of the Hodcott Maiden Stakes. Both horses were trained by the in-form Barry Hills.

Brent Thomson came with a late swoop and snatch the prize by half a length on 25-1 newcomer Spinster in the Blathwayt Maiden Stakes. Dick Hern, in his wheelchair, must have thought he was going to welcome a winner when Willie Carson hit the front on Colin Sparrow two furlongs from home, but the colt had no answer to the filly's whirlwind finish.

Winning trainer Peter Walwyn said: "She's been working well, but with two useless animals and I thought to myself, 'she's a hungry horse and she's going to get even hungrier if we don't run her,' so here she is.

"She's got worse legs than I've got so I couldn't enter her for the Oaks, but she's a nice filly. I'm very pleased with her and she'll be in all the good staying races like the Ribblesdale. She can only improve."

Greville Starkey tried to make all the running on the 2-5 favourite Gilt Bronze, but was collared two furlongs out and had to settle for fourth place.

16 remain for colts' classic

There were 16 acceptors at yesterday's four-day declaration stage for the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday. They are:

Aidal (W R Swinburn), Bellotto (Pat Eddery), Deputy Governor (T Ives), Don't Forget Me (W Carson), Hydraulic Power (–), Jolliganeration (G Starkey), Lockton (M Hills), Midyan (S Cauthen), Most Welcome (Paul Eddery), Nabeez (B Rouse), Noble Minstrel (–), Ongoing Situation (–), Rich Charlie (J Reid), Risk Me (–), Turbo Charge (–), Polonia (–).

Latest betting from Ladbrokes is: 11-10 Aidal, 6-1 Don't Forget Me, 9-1 Noble Minstrel, 10-1 Bellotto, 16-1 bar.

Another winner for Francome

By Alan Lee

John Francome was never likely to retreat quietly into retirement when he called a halt to his riding career. His restless, creative mind would not allow it.

So, in addition to training horses, writing books, making videos and selling fish and chips, Francome's entrepreneurial life style now includes his own racing club – a venture which is proving phenomenally successful.

Launched only three weeks ago with the idea of giving the fringe racing fan a closer involvement with the sport, the John Francome Racing and Punters Club has already registered no fewer than 1,200 members and the figure is growing daily.

The club is being run in association with *The Sporting Life*, who publish a weekly members draw. For the £15 it costs to join members receive the benefit of Francome's racing knowledge.

He explains: "We do a daily form guide, in which I select the best bets of the day and put them out on a private phone line available only to members.



Francome: club proving phenomenally successful

We're having a few winners, too. Also on that line we will be putting recorded interviews with top trainers, giving information about their horses."

Stable visits, trips abroad, a regular news letter and winter quizzes are also included in the package and the club will be running its own horses. Francome explains: "We will be leasing up to 20 to run in our colours and I have just completed negotiations for the first two.

"The club was largely my idea, and it is different from most others in being cheaper to join. I must say it has taken off quicker than I had ever expected."

Francome is keen to scotch any suggestion that this new involvement indicates any loss of enthusiasm for his day job as a trainer, one which has so far brought him comparatively little success but a great deal of frustration.

"Training will still occupy 99 per cent of my time. No one is more aware than me that things have not gone very well lately but I honestly feel I am getting the hang of the job now.

"I can remember becoming champion jockey while an awful lot of people were still saying I couldn't ride. Maybe with a bit of luck, something similar could happen in training."

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ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Mountain Memory.	2.00 UNITE (nap).
2.30 Paean.	2.30 Paean.
3.05 Sylvan Express.	3.05 Mystical Man.
3.40 Zaizoom.	3.40 Russian Steppe.
4.10 SPY HUNTER (nap).	4.10 Ship Of Fools.
4.40 Island Set.	4.40 Island Set.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Sadeem. 3.05 Hilton Brown. 4.40 ISLAND SET (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hill 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). *Horse's name. Days since last outing.* (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 INSULPAK STAKES (3-Y-O Fillies: £8,558: 1m) (14 runners)

101	(6)	222104-	BINT PASHA 216 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-3	T Quinn	87
102	(5)	0400-00	FOUR LAFFS 11 (S) (C Coupland) H Whiting 9-3	G Sefirkey	65
103	(4)	22102-0	GHANAYIM 15 (S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-3	R Hills	89
104	*(3)*	*010-*	*GOOD SAILING 182 (S) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 9-3*	A Shoults	70
106	(2)	122-	MOUNTAIN MEMORY 216 (C,F) (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 9-3	B Thomson	● 99
107	(1)		ADRIYA (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	—
111	(8)		CELTIC RING (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11	T Ives	—
112	(7)	0	HAILGAF 15 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 8-11	P Cook	—
113	(5)	3	IN THE HABIT 15 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	82
114	(14)		ISLAND CHARM (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	—
115	(12)	3-	NRS PISTOL 195 (D Allan) R Simpson 8-11	S Whitworth	66
116	(13)	0-0	NURYANA 15 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	Pat Eddery	72
117	(10)	0-	SPIRE 191 (The Queen) W Ham 8-11	W Carson	80
118	(11)	2-	UNITE 214 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	83

BETTING: 11-4 In The Habit, 9-2 Mountain Memory, 11-2 Unite, 13-2 Ghanayim, 8-1 Bint Pasha, 12-1 Nuryana, 14-1 Adriya, Celtic Ring, Island Charm, 16-1 others.

1986: GREAT LEIGHS 8-11 B Thomson (12-1) B Hills 9 ran

FORM *MOUNTAIN MEMORY (8-10)* was placed in a couple of Group races last season, most recently ½l 2nd to Invited Guest (9-0) at Ascot (1m, £25185, good to firm, Sep 25, 12 ran) with BINT PASHA (8-10) 3½l back in 4th.

GHANAYIM (8-9) may come on for a 8½l 5th of 6 to *Martha Stevens (8-9) at Newmarket (7f, £17300, good, Apr 14).*

IN THE HABIT (8-11) will relish this trip judged on a *staying on 1¼l 3rd to Morconelle (8-11) at* Newmarket (7f, £4565, good, Apr 14, 17 ran) with NURYANA (8-11) 5l 5th and HAILGAF (8-11) making little impression on the leaders from 2f out.

UNITE (8-5) is the subject of favourable reports and can be expected to improve on an odds on 3l 2nd to *White Mischief (8-9) at Ascot (8f, £9661, good to* firm, Sep 27, 10 ran).

Selection: MOUNTAIN MEMORY

2.30 INSULPAK SAGARO EBF STAKES (Group III: £25,893: 2m) (12 runners) BBC 1

202	(4)	000/310-	KAYTU 319 (F,S) (R Khan) C Brittain 8-8-11	M Roberts	91
203	(10)	34430-0	LEMHILL 18 (G,S) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 5-8-11	W Newnes	97
204	(8)	32043-3	SPICY STORY 32 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-8	T Ives	95
205	(11)	101104-	CONIAGE 210 (D,F) (Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-8	J Reid	82
206	(1)	00/421-0	JANISKI 14 (B,CD,F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Ham 4-8-8	W Carson	90
207	(5)	112013-	KUDZ 216 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-8	Paul Eddery	97
208	(2)	00324-0	LASHKAFDEL 23 (B) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-8-8	S Whitworth	—
209	(6)	11121-3	PAEAN 14 (D,F,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-8-8	S Cauthen	98
210	(9)	3112-	SADEEM 249 (C,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 4-8-8	G Starkey	● 99
211	*(7)*	*21401-0*	*STATELY FORM 9 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Niarchos) J Tree 5-8-8*	Pat Eddery	93
212	(12)	22140-0	FEDRA 33 (F,S) (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 4-8-5	R Hills	88
213	(3)		VELDA (S Taberner) J L Harris 5-8-5	J Williams	—

BETTING: 3-1 Paean, 7-2 Spicy Story, 5-1 Stately Form, 6-1 Sadeem, 10-1 Janiski, Lemhill, 14-1 Kudz, Kaytu, 16-1 others.

1986: VALUABLE WITNESS 6-9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fav) J Tree 10 ran

FORM LEMHILL ran well for a long way on reappearance when trying to win the Lanes End John Porter Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f) for second successive year. Good efforts last season over today's distance include a (9-4) 6l 2nd to Valuable Witness (9-6) at York (Listed, £7492, good, Aug 19, 6 ran), with SPICY STORY (9-4) another 5l back in 4th.

PAEAN (9-8) had JANISKI (8-12) a long way behind in 9th when 4l 3rd to Trapeze Artist (7-10) on reappearance at Newmarket (1m 6l H'cap, £6295, good, Apr 15, 11 ran).

KUDZ, won 4 races last year, but put up best effort in defeat when (8-4) 1l 3rd to Semraz (8-3) over this course and distance (H'cap, £8100, good to firm, Sept 25, 8 ran).

SADEEM, twice a winner over 1m 4f (including here last June), finished the 1986 Campaign with a (9-1) 3l 2nd to Celestial Storm (8-11) at Goodwood (Listed, £11394, good to firm, Aug 23, 7 ran).

Selection: KUDZ

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
P Cundell	5	19	26.3
H Cecil	27	114	23.7
J Tree	14	61	23.0
M Stoute	36	159	22.6
G Harwood	32	143	22.4
H Thomson Jones	12	69	17.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Pat Eddery	39	218	17.9
G Starkey	30	180	16.7
W Carson	38	242	15.7
B Thomson	10	65	15.4
W R Swinburn	27	180	15.0
S Cauthen	31	223	13.9

3.5 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP (Handicap: £14,106: 7f) (20 runners) BBC 1

301	(6)	321041/	SLANEY 586 (G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	—
302	(17)	1/2011-0	PATRIACH 14 (C,D,F,G) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 5-9-9	T Quinn	87
305	(13)	1020-00	HILTON BROWN 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 6-9-1	P Cook	88
306	(2)	0310-00	REIGNBEAU 18 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Clarke) G Lewis 4-9-0	B Rouse	86
307	(3)	04010-	SAIKER 195 (G) (M Al Maktoum) L Cumani 4-8-11	R Cochrane	84
308	(19)	122331-	SAILOR'S SONG 186 (D,F,G,S) (Intragroup Ltd) N Vigors 5-8-10	S Dawson	86
310	(7)	6040-42	DE RIGUEUR 18 (BF,S) (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 5-8-7	S Cauthen	88
311	*(5)*	*00002-0*	*FOUZ 18 (F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-6*	J Adams (7)	91
312	(15)	10010-0	SYLVAN EXPRESS 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-4	G Carter	● 99
313	(17)	40281-3	MYSTICAL MAN 32 (D,S) (B Schmidt-Bodmer) N Callaghan 4-8-4	W Carson	92
314	(14)	0000-00	DAWN'S DELIGHT 18 (V,F,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-8-4	A Shoults (3)	90
315	(10)	1/02300-	COINCIDENTAL 186 (G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 5-8-2	M Hills	89
317	(18)	00400-0	KICK THE HABIT 34 (G) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-0	M Roberts	93
318	*(16)*	*00-3201*	*BROWN BEAR BOY 8 (F) (F Northcott) R Armstrong 5-7-1 (Sex)*	R Hills	87
319	(1)	001-002	EAGLE DESTINY 18 (B,F,G) (Silux UK Ltd) R Hannon 4-7-12	A McGlone	87
321	(4)	01002-0	FUSILIER 32 (B,G) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-7-9	A Mackay	87
322	(12)	000000-	HAY STREET (F,G) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 6-7-9	R Fox	87
324	(9)	11020-0	FRIVOLE 18 (D,F,G) (G Chagoury) P Cole 4-7-7	T Williams	93
325	(20)	200200-	MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 207 (CD,F) (P Bowditch) D Elsworth 8-7-7	R Street	89
326	(8)	1300-44	SINGLE 9 (D,F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 5-7-7	G French	89

BETTING: 7-1 De Rigueur, 8-1 Mystical Man, Brown Bear Boy, 9-1 Patriach, 10-1 Eagle Destiny, Hilton Brown, 12-1 Fouz, Coincidental, Kick The Habit, 14-1 Sailor's Song, Slaney, Sylvan Express, 16-1 others.

1986: READY WIT 5-7-13 D McKay (7-1) R Hannon 14 ran

FORM MYSTICAL MAN appeared not to stay 1m in The Lincoln (£28365, soft, Mar 28, 25 ran) when (8-5) 2¼l 3rd to Star Of A Gunner (8-9), with DE RIGUEUR (8-10) 1¼l back in 4th, DAWN'S DELIGHT, FUSILIER and HILTON BROWN all down the field.

DE RIGUEUR put up better effort next time (9-0) beaten a head in a photo finish with Abutammam (8-2) at Newmarket (1m, £7023, heavy, Apr 11, 18 ran), with FRIVOLE (9-0) about 2½l 5th. FOUZ (8-13) 1l away 6th, DAWN'S DELIGHT (8-11) a neck 7th, HILTON BROWN (9-10) 5½l 10th and REIGNBEAU (9-7) and EAGLE DESTINY (8-6) in rear.

SYLVAN EXPRESS has done all his winning at 7f, but ran a highly creditable race on reappearance to finish (9-12) about 8l 9th to Governor General (9-0) in the Listed Abernant Stakes at Newmarket (6f, 29380, good, Apr 14, 12 ran).

EAGLE DESTINY returned to something like best last time when (8-6) 2l 2nd to Cumuric (9-0) at Wolverhampton (1m Claimer, £1857, soft, Apr 14, 18 ran).

Selection: SYLVAN EXPRESS

3.40 WHITE ROSE STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,103: 1m 2f) (5 runners) BBC 1

403	(2)	1-	RUSSIAN STEPPE 245 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	84
404	(3)	01-	SILK TOPPER 203 (F) (H Herbert) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	Pat Eddery	91
405	(1)	41110-0	TOLUCA LAKE 186 (B,F,G) (J Vollstedt) L Piggott 9-0	T Ives	90
407	(4)	02-0	CHESHAM SQUIRE 13 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 8-9	B Thomson	88
411	(5)	202-3	ZAIZOOM 18 (F Salman) P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	● 93

BETTING: 2-1 Russian Steppe, 5-2 Chesham Squire, 7-2 Toluca Lake, 4-1 Zaizoom, 8-1 Silk Topper.

1986: MASHKOUR 9-0 S Cauthen (15-8) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM RUSSIAN STEPPE (9-0) landed the odds by a neck from Kalgoorlie (9-0) on racecourse debut at Yarmouth (7f, £964, good, Aug 27, 14 ran) and is well thought of by his powerful stable.

SILK TOPPER (8-11) was awarded the race at York (1m, £4357, good to firm, Oct 8, 18 ran) after finishing a short head 2nd to Bocatower (8-8), the pair went 8l clear of the 3rd.

TOLUCA LAKE ran 5th in the Italian 2000 gns this season, but showed better form as a juvenile when (9-0) 5½l 5th to Reference Point (9-0) in the Futurity at Doncaster (1m, £44120, good, Oct 25, 10 ran). He is blinkered for the first time this afternoon.

CHESHAM SQUIRE (8-9) was a head 2nd to Naheez (9-0) in a Group III event at Newbury last season (7f 99yd, £33480, good to soft, Oct 22, 7 ran) and should strip fitter for a recent (8-11) 3¾l 5th to Legal Bid (9-0) at Newmarket.

ZAIZOOM (9-0) far from disgraced when 3¼l 3rd to Lockton (8-3) on reappearance at Thirsk (1m, £5645, soft, Apr 11, 8 ran).

Selection: TOLUCA LAKE

4.10 EBF GARTER STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,906: 5f) (9 runners)

501	(6)	21	CARNET DE BAL 20 (D,S) (Miss J Halford) K Brassey 9-4	I Johnson	91
502	*(3)*	1	*HIDDEN CREEK 11 (D,G) (T Marshall) M Usher 9-4*	D McKay	● 99
503	(5)		ACAJOU (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 8-12	J Reid	—
504	(4)	0	BLUE ENSIGN 11 (C Southgate) P Cundell 8-12	P Cook	—
506	(1)		OTTERGAYLE (Mrs L Wigram) P Walwyn 8-12	B Thomson	—
507	(2)		SAVAHRA SOUND (A F Budge Ltd) R Hannon 8-12	B Rouse	—
508	(9)		SHIP OF FOOLS (C Wright) R J Williams 8-12	R Cochrane	—
509	(7)		SPY HUNTER (C Singer) P Cole 8-12	T Quinn	—
510	(8)	30	LOLLY'S LUCK 11 (S Squires) K Ivory 8-7	C Asmussen	89

BETTING: 9-4 Spy Hunter, 5-2 Hidden Creek, 7-2 Acajou, 6-1 Carnet de Bal, 14-1 Ottergayle, Savahra Sound, 16-1 Ship Of Fools, 20-1 others.

1986: RACE ABANDONED – COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM CARNET DE BAL (9-0) ran out a comfortable 1l winner from Chummy's Girl (8-9) at Brighton (5f, £959, good to soft, Apr 8, 10 ran).

HIDDEN CREEK (9-0) made a winning debut at Kempton (5f, £2133, good, Apr 18, 9 ran) beating Just Jennings (9-0), a winner since, a head with BLUE ENSIGN (9-0) never dangerous.

ACAJOU (Foaled Feb 3: Cost IR 100,000 gns) is a full-brother to a 1m juvenile selling winner.

OTTERGAYLE (Foaled Mar 31: Cost 17,000 gns) is the first foal of Otterhill who, although modest, is the daughter of very useful 2 year old Lowna.

SPY HUNTER (Foaled May 1) is bred to be speedy, out of a dam who won up to 7f as a 2 year old.

Selection: CARNET DE BAL

4.40 CHOBHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,986: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

601	(1)	0/1031-0	ALMAARAD 13 (CD,F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-10-0	G Foster (6)	95
602	(3)	02120-0	ISLAND SET 15 (D,F) (D Reid) L Cumani 5-9-12	L Dettori (3)	96
603	(8)	13430-0	WESTERN DANCER 32 (D,F,G,S) (C Drinkwater) C Horgan 6-9-10	A Bell (10)	96
604	(5)	4/330-13	LAABAS 9 (S) (G Mazza) P Cole 4-9-10 (4ex)	G Thompson (8)	94
607	(4)	30100-0	ELPLOTINO 34 (D,F,G,S) (M Thomas) J Long 5-8-6	J Ward (5)	96
609	(7)	020-001	TRANSCENDENCE 9 (G) (J Philpott jnr) B Hanbury 4-8-0 (4ex)	A J Geran (3)	● 99
610	(10)	2330-00	TTTHAAD 11 (M Burt) R Akehurst 4-7-13	J Carter	86
613	(2)	000-310	FRED THE TREAD 9 (S) (G Greenwood) T Casey 5-7-7	L Riggio	88
614	(9)	1000-00	BRIDE 8 (D,S) (J Clark) P Butler 4-7-7	R Price (5)	89
615	(5)	20002-0	PERFECT DOUBLE 19 (D Allen) D Elsworth 6-7-7	Janice Coyle (5)	72

BETTING: 3-1 Transcendence, 7-2 Laabas, 9-2 Island Set, 11-2 Almaarad, 7-1 Western Dancer, 10-1 Elplotino, Ittihad, 16-1 Fred The Tread, 20-1 others.

1986: PUBBY 5-7-8 Jacqueline Houston 7-1 J Toller 10 ran

FORM ISLAND SET (9-10) out of first 9 to Billet (7-7) at Newmarket (1m 2f, good) on reappearance, better judged on a (9-4) neck 2nd to Slangi Vah (7-7) on penultimate outing of last term, also at Newmarket (1m 4f, £6109, good, Oct 17, 17 ran).

WESTERN DANCER (8-10) never got in a blow when 18l 5th to Geordie's Delight (8-13) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £8847, soft, Mar 28, 9 ran) but is capable of better.

LAABAS (9-12) one pace inside the distance when just over 5l 3rd to Hollow Hand (10-0), with FRED THE TREAD (10-1) out of the first 10 at Nottingham (1m 2f Am, £2032, good, Apr 20, 22 ran). Previously LAABAS (8-3) beat Gilderdale (9-8) by a very easy 12l at Brighton (1m 2f, £1264, good to soft, Apr 9, 12 ran).

TRANSCENDENCE (9-5) returned to best on latest start when easily beating Lucky Humbug (8-5) 3l at Newcastle (1m 4f, £2082, good, Apr 20, 10 ran). Previously (7-7) never got in a blow when 7th to Saronicos (9-5) at Newmarket (1m 4f, good), a race in which ALMAARAD (9-10) was a disappointing 8th of 10 runners. ALMAARAD is better judged on final outing of last season when (8-9) easily beating Weshaam (8-8) 2l over this course and distance (£7503, good to firm, Sep 27, 10 ran).

Selection: TRANSCENDENCE

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Tina's Brig. 2.45 Kavaka. 3.15 Primrose Wood. 3.45 Telegraph Bush. 4.15 Flying Ace. 4.45 Roger Nicholas.

Going: firm

2.15 MELLERSTAIN NOVICE CHASE (£1,246: 2m 196yd) (12 runners)

1		4003	JONDALE 46 (F,G) J Bradburne 10-11-7	Mrs S Bradburne	
3		4F80	CHIPCHASE 11 (B,G,S) B Wilkinson 7-11-0	G Hadger	
4		230P	CLICKHAM LAD 11 (F,G,S) N Chamberlain 9-11-0	—	
5		0600	COPY WRITER 124 (S) 9-11-0	—	
6		20/0	*COUNT BLYTHE 9 P Monteith 9-11-0*	D Nolan	
7		00-P	DERECK'S BAY 11 (G) J Redfern 10-11-0	C Grant	
13		2PP0	RICHARD'S BAY 11 (S) H Wharton 6-11-0	R Crank	
14		PP	ROSEBERRY BOY 13 Mrs G Reveley 10-11-0	P Niven	
17		0034	THE CIDER AND BUN 9 (BF) W Storey 7-11-0	—	
18		PP-P	THE RINK 11 J Redfern 7-11-0	G Martin	
20		3B11	TINA'S BRIG 4 (G,S) P Daly 6-11-2	Mr K Anderson (7)	
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2		3221	TREYARNON 13 (CD,S) P Monteith 5-11-10	D Nolan	
4		0422	KAVAKA 13 G Moore 5-11-8	M Hammond	
12		0004	KING HARRY 13 R Goldie 6-10-12	B Storey	
16		-000	WALK ALONG 9 J Hudson 8-10-9	Miss M Kendall	
19		60P0	KESKIDEE 13 J H Johnson 6-10-7	A Dobbin (4)	
20		0040	KATY QUICK 8 M Naughton 5-10-6	C Grant	
21		0001	BOSCHENDAL 4 (D,G) A Batey 5-10-13 (8ex)	Mr P Johnson (7)	
22		000U	RAINBEAM 13 Mrs J Weir 5-10-3	C Dennis (7)	
24		00-0	LADY ORYX 9 Mrs G Reveley 7-10-1	P Niven	

9-4 Kavaka, 100-30 Moondawn, Treyarnon, 4-1 Boschendal, 13-2 King Harry, 14-1 Katy Quick, 33-1 others.

3.15 HADDINGTON JUBILEE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,117: 2m 6f) (9)

3		0111	MIGHTY MARK 42 (C,G) F Watson 8-11-9	NON-RUNNER	
4		3022	PRIMROSE WOOD 13 (BF,F,G) G Richards 9-11-4	P Tuck	
7		PP11	ADEN APOLLO 13 (C,G,S) T Craig 6-10-11 (8ex)	D Nolan	
9		4442	MISS MAYO 11 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 10-10-9	P Niven	
11		U11P	MELEREK 13 (F,G,S) G Moore 12-10-6 (4ex)	M Hammond	
13		F1F4	BEAU N'IDOL 19 (G,S) E Robson 8-10-0	G Landau (4)	

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A plea for compromise between the boxer who won a world title, and the manager who led him there

The rise and fall of the Clones Cyclone

Barry McGuigan is due to take Barney Eastwood, his former manager, to court. GEORGE ACE examines the partnership's failure.

On May 5 in the Northern Ireland High Court, the action taken by Barry McGuigan, the former World Boxing Association featherweight champion, against B J Eastwood, his former manager, is down for hearing. Whatever the outcome, it is hard to believe that such a partnership would have to resort to a court of law to resolve their differences.

This was as near a devoted father-and-son relationship that boxing is ever likely to see, between the millionaire bookmaker and the charismatic youngster from Clones, a sleepy Irish border-town.

The mutual respect, the warmth of feeling, the naked admiration one had for the other, was too genuine to be only skin-deep. One could not help conclude they were capable of achieving any goal.

It all started early in 1981, when Eastwood decided once again to attempt to revive boxing in Old Belfast, a city that was just beginning to show signs of recovery after more than a decade of strife. But Belfast was — and still is — akin to a volcano which can erupt overnight with murders and bombings.

Eastwood on McGuigan

"When Barry came to the United States to fight in 1983 he got very homesick. He was okay for the first 10 or 12 days, *but then he got very lonely. I could see it coming on.* He's just a wee country boy, you know. He missed the green grass of the countryside"

Eastwood, however, is nothing if not shrewd and he allies to that shrewdness the indefinable attribute of the highly-successful man: of being able to spot a winner when the rest of us cannot see the wood for the trees.

He never had any doubt that the youngster who had picked himself up off the floor twice the win gold medal at the Commonwealth Games a few years before in Edmonton was the stuff champions are made of.

Time, of course, proved Eastwood right on all counts: big-time boxing returned to Belfast, initially at the Ulster Hall and finally, to the famous King's Hall arena. The latter, on the outskirts of the city, had lain dormant, so far as boxing was concerned, for far too long.

Monaghan, Kelly, Gilroy and Caldwell spring readily to mind when one digs into the memory bank for the greats from another era that displayed their multiplicity of skills in the King's Hall ring. And McGuigan added another dimension to the folklore associated with the arena. In the King's Hall, McGuigan was the king.

Few will disagree with Pat Jennings, that living legend of Irish sport, when he proffered the opinion in the VIP bar at the back of the hall one night after one of those memorable McGuigan victories: "I don't think there is a nine-stone fighter anywhere in the world who could beat McGuigan in the King's Hall. He would not only have to beat a great little fighter, but he would have to overcome one of the most intimidating crowds I have ever seen under one roof who keep up a cacophony throughout the fight that makes it difficult to understand what the guy sitting next to you is trying to say between rounds."

More is the pity McGuigan did not grace the old arena more than once after winning the world crown in June, 1985. But then again, it may be unfair to blame McGuigan entirely for that. The world of professional boxing moves in mysterious ways and rarely are the 'big deals' formulated without considerable manipulation beneath the surface. The hearing on May 5 — if the action ever gets to court — may unravel hitherto unknown facts, but the unmistakable signs were evident even before McGuigan won the world title that relations between boxer and manager were going off the boil.

But whatever the reason, the Barry McGuigan who defeated Juan La Porte in the King's Hall over 10 rounds on a February night on 1985 — easily his finest hour — and the cold calculating fighter who stalked Eusebio Pedroza, the hitherto ageless legend of the world featherweight scene, with unrelenting fury throughout 15 torrid rounds to gain the world crown, never revealed that kind of form again.

In his three subsequent title defences, against Bernard Taylor, Danilo Cabrero and Steve Cruz, McGuigan was but a shadow of the swashbuckling, all-action fighter who captured the imagination of Irish supporters the way no other boxer had ever done before. And his popularity was not confined to Ireland.

I do not go along with all the media hype about McGuigan uniting the warring factions in Northern Ireland, if only on the nights he was fighting. That was a good gimmick born in the fertile mind of his manager which got a little out of hand. McGuigan's popularity stemmed from his fighting heart and not because he entered a ring under a flag of blue emblazoned with white doves of peace. It was good newspaper copy but in the true reality of the situation was nothing more.

In many ways, it was reminiscent of the priest's reply at ringside in the Stadium, Dublin, one night when an American asked him if the sign of the cross that some boxers indulged in just before the opening bell did them any good? "To be sure it does, my son, to be sure it does. But only if they can fight!"

Boxers in the mould of the Clones Cyclone pass this way but once in a lifetime. If he got his priorities mixed up just prior to and following his capture of the world crown, that can be put down to nothing more than human frailty. This was when McGuigan really needed managing, really needed telling some of the facts of life, and really needed his activities outside the ring handled by an ultra-professional company. It is easy to be clever in hindsight, but Eastwood always assured everyone that he knew every little whim of Barry's; that he was able to sense immediately when something was wrong.

Something was wrong a long time before the bubble burst but only two people knew what was the root cause of the trouble.

McGuigan on Eastwood

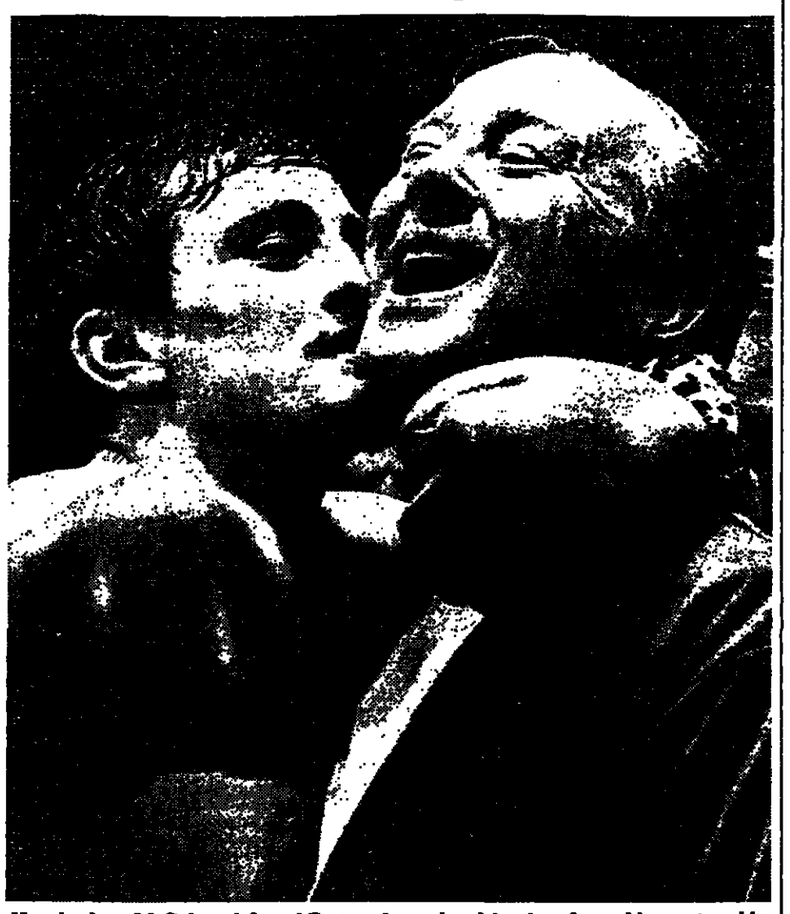
"I owe it all to you, boss. *It hasn't really sunk in I'm really the world champion; you always said I would be. I couldn't have done it without you. I feel* great, really on a high. I'll take them all now, any time, anywhere (After winning his WBA title)"

McGuigan's lacklustre performances in the three defences of his world crown must, in some degree, be attributed to his state of mind. The mental approach to a contest is all-important and McGuigan gave the impression on more than one occasion that he was simply going through the motions.

The year 1981 seems a long time ago. In the interim period to Las Vegas, 1985, a treasure-chest of memories have been stored; memories made possible by two men — a millionaire and a country lad — both fired with an ambition to capture the world. They achieved their ambition on a June night in London town in 1985 but, in the process, lost their way.

One may blame the other and there are certain to be faults on both sides, but both will lose if the final judgement stems from a court of law.

Compromise is a funny word, but a sight that all Ireland would applaud would be two men, who wrote a glorious and unforgettable page in Irish boxing history, walking towards each other with right arms outstretched. No words would be necessary but the world once again would be their oyster.



Happier days: McGuigan, left, and Eastwood, rapt in celebration of a working partnership

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF McGUIGAN'S CAREER

- August 3, 1981: Defeated, on points, in his third contest: to Peter Eubanks, in Brighton.
- September 22, 1981: Won first contest in Belfast, when he defeated Jean Marc Renard, of Belgium, on points.
- June 14, 1982: Knocked out Young Ali in the World Sporting Club, London. Ali subsequently died and McGuigan threatened to retire.
- October 5, 1982: In his first contest since the Ali match, McGuigan stopped Jimmy Duncan in four rounds.
- April 12, 1983: Won British featherweight title when he defeated Vernon Penprase (rsc, second round).
- July 9, 1983: Knocked out Lavon McGowan in first round in Chicago.
- November 16 1983: Won vacant European featherweight title by beating Valerio Nati of Italy (ko, sixth round).
- June 8,1985: Won WBA title after beating Eusebio Pedroza, of Panama — who was making his 21st defence — on points over 15 rounds at Queen's Park Rangers FC, London. Returned to a hero's welcome in Belfast, and was greeted by 750,000 people in Dublin later.
- September 28, 1985: Beat American Bernard Taylor (rtd, eighth round) in first title defence, at King's Hall, Belfast.
- February 15, 1986: Second defence: stopped Danilo Cabrera of the Dominican Republic in the 14th round — after Cabrera had been knocked down and then reprieved by the bell in the ninth — but sustained severe facial damage in the process.
- June 23, 1986: Lost title at third defence on points to Steve Cruz, of the United States, over 15 rounds at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas. He took three counts in the final round, and the subsequent loss of points cost him the title. Severe heat forced overnight stay in hospital with exhaustion.

Grounds for the active role

On the day that the Sports Council launches a campaign to encourage more people to take an active part in sport, RICHARD TRACEY, Minister for Sport, puts the case for participating rather than watching

Over a recent weekend in April, 96,000 people travelled to Wembley to watch 22 others kicking a ball around; 9.5 million others stayed at home to watch the spectacle on television. Another 62,000 turned up at Twickenham to watch 30 others kicking a different shaped ball around; 2.4 million watched it on TV. A further 56,000 arrived at Aintree to watch 40 jockeys ride their horses over a series of fences; 12.2 million watched from their armchairs.

All these occasions of course are of truly national importance in our sporting calendar — the Littlewoods Cup Final, the England v Scotland Rugby Union International, and the Grand National.

And yet, while we are certainly a nation of avid watchers, how many people actually recognize the benefits to their own lives of active participation in sport? Only 30 per cent of the population takes part in any form of outdoor sport and even fewer — 23 per cent — participate in indoor sport.

These figures are astonishing when we consider that sport not only provides a constructive and enjoyable outlet for some of our energies, but can also contribute significantly to our health and well-being. So why are we a nation of watchers rather than doers?

For most of us our first encounter with sport is at school. There is much public debate about whether or not children should be encouraged to take part in competitive sport, and indeed whether they are put off it for life at that early stage.

Participation can be invaluable

I hosted a seminar last November, organized jointly with the Department of Education and Science, which brought together over 90 representatives from both sport and education organizations.

It is clear that there are many differing views on what is right and what is wrong with sport in schools. It is a complex issue and there are no obvious immediate answers or steps to be taken.

We are now funding a study to bring together all the research work undertaken on school sport so far and we have set up a new working group led by the Sports Council. The group will report to the Government and interested organizations by the end of the year.

I do not want to pre-empt the working group's findings but I do hold strong personal views about sport in schools. My own four children are at school and, like most other parents, I want to be sure that they benefit from sport throughout their lives. I do not want them to be part of the inactive 70 per cent.

I have no time at all for those who argue that competitive sport is bad for children. Every parent knows that children are instinctively competitive and will be competing in one way or another in later life. To dull that natural instinct runs the risk of denying children an essential ability to cope with the pressures of life. But I don't have any time for those people who maintain that competitive team games must take priority over all other forms of sport and physical education.

There is a balance between encouraging children of all abilities to feel comfortable with sport, and over-emphasis on competitive team games. There are constructive lessons to be learnt from competitive sport — fair play, sporting behaviour, how to play a part in team activities, how to accept and learn from losing and so on.

Local authorities should help out

We need to guard against the "win at all cost" attitude, the bad behaviour and language. The price we pay for that is the ill-tempered, badly behaved players — and that is not what sport is about.

Our schools undoubtedly have a difficult job in trying to develop balanced sport and physical education programmes but schools alone cannot look after the sporting needs of children. In addition to parents, there are many other organizations which can and should work in partnership with schools more often than is the case *now — for* example local authorities, youth clubs, local amateur and professional sports clubs, and the individual governing bodies of sport.

It is time all those concerned with the promotion and development of sport used their combined knowledge and resources for the greater benefit of children and the community.

The Sports Council puts considerable effort into encouraging older people to take up sport. The latest and most ambitions of the Council's campaigns, "What's Your Sport?", is backed by the Milk Marketing Board and receives its national launch today. Through this initiative a local network of easy access contact points will be established so that all members of the community can find out what is on offer in their area.

Sport provides a great deal of enjoyment and fun and, of course, important health benefits. And as Minister for Sport, I'd like to see a lot more of the 70 per cent who watch, actually participate.

BOXING

Magri to coach youngsters

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

It is back to basics for Charlie Magri, the Stepney flyweight. He is going back to the amateur ring — as a coach, the first British world champion to make such a move.

Magri, aged 31, will take time off from his sports goods shop to bring his eight years of experience as a professional to the youngsters of the Lion Boys Club, Hoxton, which has as one of its members the star of the TV series Grange Hill, Lee McDonald.

Magri, who won two NABC titles and two ABA flyweight titles and represented Britain in the Montreal Olympic Games, has always wanted to return to his roots.

After giving up his professional licence four months ago, he sat a written and oral examination for a coaching certificate and passed it with flying colours.

- Birmingham's Lloyd Hibbert, eager to win a Lonsdale belt outright in record time, will make the first defence of his British and Commonwealth light-middleweight titles at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on May 28. Hibbert, who beat Nick Wilshire to win the two titles last month, will face the No.1 contender, Gary Cooper, of Southampton.
- The fast-rising Scot, Pat Clinton, is to fight the former world flyweight champion, Freddie Castillo, of Mexico, at the Cumbernauld Leisure Centre on May 19.

Castillo, who reigned as world champion in 1982, is a considerable step-up in class for southpaw Clinton from Croy, near Glasgow.

The Scot, aged 22, has had only 10 professional contests since leaving the amateur ranks

Du Plooy ends Bey's rally in ninth round

Johannesburg (AFP) — Johnny du Plooy, the South African white heavyweight, knocked out David Bey, of the United States, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout here on Monday in front of his home-town crowd.

Du Plooy, who is unbeaten in 13 professional bouts, knocked Bey down twice in the second round, forcing him to take the mandatory count. But Bey recovered well and took the initiative from the more inexperienced South African in the second part of the contest.

But in the ninth round, Du Plooy hit the American with a left-right combination and, as Bey was on his way to the canvas, Du Plooy delivered the knock-out blow.

- Nagoya (AP) — Leon Spinks, the former world heavyweight champion, obtained a split decision victory over his fellow American, Jeff Jordan, in a 12-round bout here in Japan. Spinks, aged 33, landed sharp left hooks to Jordan's face and body early on, but in the seventh round, Jordan, aged 26, attacked strongly, forcing Spinks on to the defensive for the rest of the contest. There were no knockdowns.

GOLF

Women's circuit requires a British rival for Davies

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

The search for a new British contender to challenge Laura Davies on the Women's PGA circuit begins in the Ford Classic on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf and Country Club today.

Miss Davies has caught the imagination of the public by heading the Order of Merit two years in succession. So the circuit, which less than four years ago was in danger of closing down, has reached a milestone with a total prize fund of £1m for this season.

The question now is where the WPGA will go from here. There can be little doubt that, if Miss Davies can be rivalled on the fairways by one or two British players, then new sponsors will be encouraged to support the circuit.

In fact the big-hitting Miss Davies did not have it all her own way last season, when she was required to win the British Women's Open and the La Manga Club Open at the tail end of the season to move past Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, and the Australian, Corinne Dibnah, at the eleventh hour.

Even so, with official winnings of £37,500, she finished more than £11,000 ahead of her nearest British rival, Gillian Stewart. "I think the pressure will be on Laura this season as she tries to make it three in a row," Miss Stewart said. "I'm certainly hoping to be the one to topple her."

Patricia Johnson and Lillian Behan, both members of last year's victorious Curtis Cup, are newcomers to the professional scene this season and they could impose a threat to Miss Davies.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	450	5	10	354	4
2	341	4	11	456	5
3	121	3	12	155	3
4	351	4	13	392	5
5	432	5	14	474	5
6	127	3	15	401	5
7	431	5	16	383	4
8	378	4	17	369	4
9	146	3	18	299	4
Out	2,777	36	In	3,283	39

Total yardage: 6,060 Par: 75

Yet the exciting French golfer, Marie-Laure Taya, could bolster the continental challenge. Miss Taya emphasized her potential in 1985 when she finished third as an amateur in the Hennessy Open, which was won by the Australian, Jan Stephenson.

Miss Davies insists she should not be regarded as the favourite to finish No. 1 for a third successive season. "I've been very fortunate to make it in the last two years," she said. "I managed to stay ahead of Jane Connachan in the last event of the 1985 season to edge her out by around £500 and it all came down to the last event in 1986 as well."

Miss Davies, however, has recently underlined her skills by following a fine start to the Dinah Shore tournament in America, where she opened with a 65, by going on to Japan and finishing 10th in a tournament. "I let myself down in America with a bad second round of 83," she explained. "I was a little disappointed because one reporter out there had put me down after my opening round and I was determined to prove him wrong. In fact I got to within one shot of the lead again in the third round but I finished 33rd.

"I won 720,000 yen in Japan, which amounts to £3,000, and I'll be going back there for another three events

Miss Davies is a notoriously slow starter, although by playing in the United States and Japan she hopes that her game is more in the groove. Muriel Thomson hopes to defend the title she won 12 months ago.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Doherty and Round in running for Wembley

By Keith Macklin

St Helens are relying on a lucky hotel to help them win the Silk Cut Challenge Cup against Halifax at Wembley on Saturday.

When the Saints last won the cup in 1976 against Widnes, they stayed at a hotel in Cobham, Surrey. Two years later, when beaten by Leeds in the final, they had stayed at another hotel. So when a party of 21 players, coaches and manager Alex Murphy travelled south from St Helens yesterday, they were heading back to Cobham.

Included in the St Helens squad of 21 is a young "unknown" half-back, who has fought his way into the side in recent weeks and played so well that Murphy has decided to take him along to Wembley. He is Paul Doherty, who has spent most of his short playing career in the Colts and reserve teams.

Another player for whom Wembley may bring a surprise call-up is the second row forward Paul Round. Following injury, he has been substitute for the Saints for most of the season, and an unlikely choice for the first team in the cup final.

However, he had a storming game in the premiership tie against Bradford Northern last Sunday, *and there is some talk* of his ousting Roy Haggerty from the pack on Saturday, with Haggerty dropping to substitute. Murphy is expected to name his team and substitutes today.

Brett Clark, the Australian half-back, who has been one of the outstanding players for St Helens this season, flew back from Sydney to London yesterday and joined the rest of the party at Cobham.

Another Australian player who flew back yesterday is a man who will be facing Clark in Saturday's final: Grant Rix, the Halifax centre who comes from Brisbane, and who has been one of the star Halifax players in recent weeks after a shaky start on his arrival at Thrum Hall, scoring a brilliant individual try in the cup semi-final against Widnes.

***The Halifax party will travel* down to a hotel in Enfield tomorrow, and will stay there until Saturday morning before moving on to a hotel in Watford for the weekend.**

The nominations for rugby league's highest individual award, the Man of Steel, were announced yesterday. The first division choice rests between Lee Crooks (Hull) and two Wigan players, Andy Gregory and Ellery Hanley.

The second division finalists are Andy Bateman (Hunslet), John Cogger (Runcorn Highfield) and Les Holliday (Swinton).

The Young Player of the Year nominations are Shaun Edwards (Wigan) and two St Helens players, Paul Loughlin and Kevin McCormack.

The referee's choice will be between Kevin Allatt, John Holdsworth, who will referee the cup final, and the perennial Fred Lindop. In the final category, for Coach of the Year, are the cup final coaches Alex Murphy and Chris Anderson of Halifax, plus Graham Lowe, the coach of the champions Wigan.

TABLE TENNIS

England in reach of historic win

Carl Prean, the European No. 13, yesterday travelled to Bath for the fourth international of the eight-match series against China to join an England squad who know their first win over a team from the world's leading nation is probable (a Special Correspondent writes).

Prean will temporarily replace Alan Cooke, the 21-year-old National Top Twelve Champion, whose outstanding performances in winning at Halifax on Monday against Fan Chang Mao, the world No. 16, and *Yong Guang Di*, the former national Chinese runner-up, again proved that his greater commitment to attack has stamped him as world class.

That helped England to a 3-3 draw and to within a single point of victory after the two 4-2 defeats at Sunderland and Oldham at the weekend. The two match points that Skylet Andrew, the England No. 4, failed to take advantage of against Yong at 20-18 in the second game on Monday were all that stood between the home country and a little bit of history.

Andrew, who has recovered from an ankle injury, will end his appearances in the fifth international at Bletchley tonight. It will be in the sixth and seventh internationals at Norwich and Gillingham when Prean, Cooke, and Desmond Douglas, the European Top Twelve champion, are in harness, that the Chinese will be hard pressed to remain unbeaten.

MONDAY'S RESULTS (England names first): A Cooke bt Yong Guangdi, 21-16, 21-19; S Andrew lost to Chen Yinghua, 11-21, 6-21; D Douglas lost to Fan Changmao, 21-16, 14-21, 17-21.

SWIMMING

Comeback hopes for Wilkie

By Roy Moor

David Wilkie, Britain's former Olympic champion and world record holder, has been invited to meet with the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association next week to discuss his application to be allowed to return to amateur competition.

He has accepted and says he is encouraged by the Scottish ASA's attitude to his application. "It has been more positive than negative," he said yesterday "and I am most happy to go to Scotland to meet the officials there."

***Many have been curious as to* why Wilkie, aged 33, should decide he would like to compete internationally again. To this he replies: "Basically because I believe there's an awful lot of hypocrisy in amateur sport. The fact that professional tennis players like John McEnroe and co, are being considered for Olympic competition gave me the impetus to do something about making a comeback and a further spur came with people saying I am too old at 33 for this sort of competition.**

"I want the chance to prove them wrong. One is not too old at 33 and this I want to show with some good performances at the Scottish Masters Championships."

Closely watching the developments concerning Wilkie's *application for reinstatement is* Duncan Goodhew, who won the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke title at the 1980 Moscow Games four years after Wilkie's world record-breaking success at 200 metres breaststroke.

And there is a hint too that Sharron Davies, the Olympic silver medal winner, might also return if Wilkie is given clearance.

TENNIS

Traffic jam has high cost for Bale

Stuart Bale, the British No.6, was ruled out of the Hi-Tec LTA Spring Satellite tournament at Sutton yesterday for arriving late.

The 23-year-old from Middlesex, who was a non-playing member of the Davis Cup squad for the match against Mexico last month, was delayed by heavy traffic travelling from his Cricklewood home in north London, and arrived half an hour after the scheduled start of his first-round match against Mark Blincow.

Players are given only 15 minutes grace before they are disqualified.

Alan Douglas, of Surrey, gratefully took Bale's place but his joy did not last long. He went down to Blincow, from Northamptonshire, 6-0, 6-4.

Richard Whichello, from Kent, joined Blincow in the second round when he disposed of Jean Fisette from Belgium, 6-1, 6-4.

But Jason Goodall, the No.6seed from Yorkshire, and Andy Sproule, of Lancashire, made early exits. Goodall lost 6-2, 6-3 to Torben Theine, of West Germany, and Sproule went down 7-5, 6-1 to the seventh-seed, Anthony Lane of Australia.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round (GB unless stated): T Theine (WG) bt J Goodall, 6-2, 6-3; M Blincow bt A Douglas 6-0, 6-4; R Whichello bt J Fisette (Bel) 6-1, 6-4; A Lane (Aus) bt A Sproule 7-5, 6-1; T Tunner (Aus) bt J Rigby 6-2, 6-0; J Southcombe bt J Turner 6-4, 6-0; S Botfield bt L Alfred 7-6, 6-1; J Bates bt F Errard 6-2, 6-3

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: J Jonerup (Swe) bt K Hunter 6-0, 6-2; I Berger (Isr) bt A Segura (Sp) 6-1, 6-2; N Houssel (Fr) bt S Timms, 6-2, 6-2; S Nioz-Chateau (Fr) bt S Frankl (WG) 6-2, 2-2, retired; M Ekstrand (Swe) bt B Borneo, 6-3, 7-5.

Croft rediscovers that winning feeling

From Barry Wood, Singapore

Annabel Croft rediscovered a winning touch yesterday as she defeated Pascale Paradis of France 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the Singapore Women's Open.

It was something to be savoured, for a victory by the often depressed and depressing Miss Croft is as elusive as a taxi in a thunderstorm. It was, by her own admission, not a great match but it did follow a recent run that probably had her seriously considering whether she still wanted to remain in the profession.

"When you haven't won a match for ages and it looks as if you're going to win you do begin to clamp up," she said. "But now the win has given me a bit of confidence and I'm looking forward to playing my next match."

After the first game, in which she won just one point on her service, she was never behind. She held her own in the early stages but after committing a simple error in the sixth game urged herself on so effectively she took 11 of the next 12 points to win the set.

She kept the momentum going in the second set too, giving up only two points in her first three sevice games, and only tightened when the set reached its decisive stage.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Championship
Group four
Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia (at Windsor Park, Belfast, 8.0) .....
Turkey v England (at Izmir, 4.0).....
Group six
Wales v Czechoslovakia (at Wrexham).....
Group seven
Rep of Ireland v Belgium (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 6.15).....

Today League
Second division
WBA v Portsmouth .....
Fourth division
Halifax v Colchester .....
Northampton v Crewe .....
Rochdale v Swansea .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Coventry v Manchester City; Manchester United v Derby (7.30); Nottingham Forest v Hull; Oldham v Leicester (7.30). Second division: Darlington v Huddersfield (7.30); Doncaster v Bradford City (6.30); Port Vale v Barnsley; Preston v Notts County; Rotherham v Blackpool; York v Stoke.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall v Tottenham (2.0); Oxford United v Queen's Park Rangers; Southampton v Chelsea; Watford v Brighton.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Semi-finals: Aylesbury v Kettering; Hendon v Burton.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet v Stafford; Cheltenham v Sutton United.
HACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter v Torquay (6.0); Shrewsbury v Newport (2.0).
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Enfield v Gillingham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final, second leg *(first leg score in brackets)*: Macclesfield (0) v Marine (0).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Halesowen v Gloucester; Hednesford v Forest Green.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Harrow; Bromley v Windsor and Eton. Second division north: Chesham v Letchworth; Collier Row v Haringey.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Bury v Great Yarmouth; Chatteris v Soham.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Melksham (7.45); Mangotsfield v Weston-super-Mare (7.45); Torrington v Bideford (6.30); Radstock v Bristol City. Cup: Semi-final: Yeovil v Saltash (6.30).
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Edgware v Waltham Abbey (6.30).
HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE (6.30): Premier division: Abingdon Town v Viking; Fairford v Yate; Morris Motors v Moreton; Shortwood v Pegasus; Supermarine v Penhill; Thame v Hounslow; Wantage v Rayners Lane.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division (6.15): Bootle v Eastwood Hanley; Kirkby v St Helens.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Whitehawk (6.30).
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eynesbury v Brackley; Long Buckby v Potton.

CRICKET
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Middlesex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Derbyshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire.

OTHER MATCHES (11.30 to 6.30)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire.
Second XI Championship
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Somerset.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire.
LEEDS: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

OTHER SPORT
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship (at Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: Matches at Long Eaton and Wimbledon.
SQUASH RACKETS: Leeds Metro open championship: Semi-finals (at Garforth, 6.30).
TABLE TENNIS: England v China (at Bletchley LC).
TENNIS: LTA tournament (at Sutton).

SPORT ON TV
INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL: European championship, Group four: Turkey v England, live from Izmir at 4pm. BBC2: 2.35pm (Match build-up not shown on BBC2 Northern Ireland or Scotland).
RACING: 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races from Ascot. BBC1: 2.10pm.
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. BBC1: 11.05am, BBC2: 3.30 and 9pm (See also Sportsnight).
SPORTSNIGHT: International football: highlights of three European Championship matches: Turkey v England, Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia and Wales v Czechoslovakia (respective coverage on BBC1 Northern Ireland and BBC1 Wales); Snooker: further coverage of the Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. Athletics: the battle for places in the 4x400m relay squad for the World championships in Rome. BBC1: 10.05pm.

walls. Mr Barkshire said yesterday that he had contemplated all the stories with fascination, and said the changing of the structure con- than follow the stock mark… Mr Lake's researches show that in the last 22 years it has been wrong to sell in May on

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FOOTBALL: FUTURE HOPES DISPLAY LITTLE TALENT TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

England's youngsters let themselves down where it matters most

From Nicholas Harling
Izmir, Turkey

Turkey under-21..... 0
England under-21..... 0

The dreary blank scorelines that invariably accompany England when the under-21 side ventures abroad was sadly once more the case in this Aegean port yesterday afternoon.

In overcast conditions as dank as the game itself, England failed to provide a tasty appetizer to this afternoon's main dish, although their manager, David Sexton, did glean some satisfaction from the fact that the Turkish goalkeeper emerged as man of the match. "I'm pleased with the fact that we have come away from home and their goalkeeper has been the hero," he reflected.

In private, however, Sexton might well be wondering why it was, that on the three occasions England broke through with only Okan confronting them, Davis, once in each half and Porter, in the 85th minute, failed to complete a job which would have simplified England's task of winning their group.

Davis, nevertheless, distributed enough elegant passes with his trusty left foot to provide most of what little cheer there was for the contingent of travelling England supporters in the spartan, scantily populated, Alsancak stadium.

Technique-wise, there was little fault with England but up front their lack of penetration was disturbing considering this was the cream of England's future talent on display.

In the first half Turkey looked more threatening, Gursel hitting the bar with a 32nd minute header.

The introduction of the Norwich pair, Rosario and Gordon, both for their debuts, sparked some belated life into England and Rosario, especially, was unlucky not to celebrate with a successful strike.

His first shot would have produced a goal but for Okan's flying intervention and his second did nestle in the back of the net after Fairclough had nodded down a free kick from Hayes only to be mysteriously disallowed.

TURKEY UNDER-21: Okan; Turgut (sub: Lama), Recap, Gökhan, Selami, Gökhan, Ali, Umsi, Hami (sub: Hamdi), Dusmus, Gursel.
ENGLAND UNDER-21: P Suckling (Manchester City); N McDonald (Newcastle United) A Dorigo (Aston Villa), C Fairclough (Nottingham Forest), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), P Davis (Arsenal), M Hayes (Arsenal) (sub: D Gordon, Norwich City), D Rocastle (Arsenal), N Clough (Nottingham Forest) (sub: R Rosario, Norwich City), M Brennan (Ipswich Town), G Porter (Watford).
Referee: H Kuka

Celtic's McClair player of the year

By Hugh Taylor

Brian McClair yesterday won the Scottish footballers most highly prized trophy when he was named as player of the year by the country's Football Writers Association.

Celtic's prolific scorer beat off one of the sternest challenges in the 22-year history of the award because Terry Butcher, the English international who is captain of Rangers in their best season in the premier division, and David Narey, a key figure in Dundee United's quest for the UEFA Cup, was close at his heels in the voting.

That spectacular attacking prowess still means more than reliable defence to the Scottish enthusiast, whether he be in the press box or on the terracing, was shown in the voting which made McClair a clear winner in the Association's poll.

The Celtic forward, aged 23, who is just reaching the peak of his career, is also leading the chase for the coveted Golden Boot of Europe, closely pursued by his rival, Ally McCoist, of Rangers.

McClair has been under the shadow of his more colourful Celtic colleague, Johnston, but since he arrived at Parkhead from Motherwell four years ago he has been his club's leading scorer.

And this season he has netted 40 goals, with 34 of them in the League, thus enabling him to break the Scottish post-War record of 32, which stands to the credit of another Celt, the international winger, Lennox.

McClair's powerful form this season — he relishes finishing brisk runs from midfield with deadly shots — has brought him to the attention not only of the Scotland manager, Andy Roxburgh, who gave him his first full cap against the Republic of Ireland, but to several English and continental clubs.

McClair however has indicated that he wants to stay with Celtic although his contract expires at the end of the season and there will be an outcry from his admirers at Parkhead if he is not asked to remain on a salary of £2,000 a week which was turned down by Johnston.

McClair, who will be presented with his award at the SFWA annual dinner in Glasgow on Sunday, could have celebrated by playing for the Scotland B side in Aberdeen last night but he had to withdraw because of injury.

CRICKET: IMRAN'S MEN HUNGER FOR FIRST SERIES WIN IN ENGLAND



Lock today: an individualist passes on his wisdom at Mill Hill (Photo: Denzil McNeelance)

Purist with a volatile streak is back at summer school

By Ivo Tennant

It was once said of Tony Lock that he put more into his appealing than many did into their bowling, and, if the last week is anything to go by, nothing has changed. Only now the appeals and the cajoling are confined to the boundaries, not of the Oval or Grace Road, but of Mill Hill school in north London, where Lock has just become cricket coach.

In spite of the presence of television cameras at the school nets on Monday, it cannot be said Lock has put Mill Hill on the map. Denis Thatcher, for one, went there. But Lock will do much for its sporting reputation. At Downing College, Cambridge, where the school was playing last week, no one quite knew what to make of a combative, balding 57 year old yelling at the fielders; neither, on Monday, was a cameraman, unwisely standing the wrong side of a net, prepared for the ball that pitched on a perfect length, fizzed and hit him.

Lock was one of the greatest spin bowlers in cricket history. His name will forever be linked with that of Jim Laker, whom he respected, competed with — "No, I was not happy at Old Trafford taking one wicket when he took 19" — and never truly befriended until well after their playing days ended. Lock mourns his death and, on arrival in England last week, straight away went to see his widow.

Lock had flown in from Australia, where he has lived with his family since 1963. Like Ian Botham, his character is more Australian than English. Whereas Laker was moody and introverted, Lock is volatile and effusive. He sat in the sunshine at Mill Hill yesterday, looked over their lovely cricket ground and bemoaned the lack of characters in the game.

"As a player I did what I wanted to do and when I watch cricket now, I wonder whether the game is becoming staid again. When I was called for throwing at the Oval in 1952, I deliberately chucked the next ball to see what would happen."

Needless to say, Lock was called again — and again. "When a slow bowler knocks out two stumps, it means he is not a slow bowler," he said. He worked on his action after Sir Donald Bradman showed him a film of it, and managed again to reach the top of his profession. He played 49 times for England and took 174 wickets, helped win championships for Surrey and held breathtaking catches at short leg.

When he was strangely omitted from the 1962-3 MCC tour to Australia, he chose to emigrate. He captained Western Australia, tore strips off Lillee for abusing batsmen (this was before the Chappell era), came back to revitalise Leicestershire and was sent for by MCC as a replacement for the 1967-8 tour of West Indies. His spirit, as ever, was unquenchable.

It is four years since he was last in England. He coaches now at a college in Perth where the master in charge of cricket at Mill Hill recently went on an exchange. Lock is, he says, a patient coach. "I try to simplify cricket, like Jim Laker always did. I try to make positive suggestions to boys so that they can follow their theories and not mine. Too many people are too technical. When I listen to Frank Tyson commentating I need to reach for a dictionary.

"But I have told the senior boys they will be criticised as well as praised. I do have a fairly sarcastic sense of humour, which I bring to coaching. They accept what I tell them, but then they ask me what I did in such and such a match and I cannot remember. I am not a believer in statistics," he said.

For the benefit of The Times photographer, Lock bowled eight balls in the Mill Hill nets. Seven pitched on middle and leg and each turned a foot. Rickety knees and ample girth could not disguise greatness. Lock is still in thrall to cricket. "It was a great thrill to know that somebody in England wanted me," he said. "I will probably die coaching."

Pakistan have 'fighting spirit'

By Marcus Williams

The Pakistanis begin their tour of England in the tranquil setting of Arundel tomorrow. At Lord's yesterday, while the troops exercised in welcoming sunshine at the nets, the captain, Imran Khan, and tour manager, Hasib Ahsan, delivered the opening salvoes of a campaign that promises much combative international cricket.

England, after their multiple successes of the winter, will be meeting opponents who, having shared a series with West Indies and having just gained their first success in India, are seeking their first series win over here. "The team has proved that what it lacks in experience it makes up for in fighting spirit," Imran said. "They are fighters right down to No 11."

One hopes the combat will be restricted to that between bat and ball; controversial statements about the umpiring by captain and manager (then Intikhab Alam) marred Pakistan's last series in England in 1982. Imran was the captain then and he said yesterday: "I come here with an open mind on the umpiring. I believe English umpires are the best, the most professional, and usually make the fewest mistakes. But the ideal situation would be an international Test panel of umpires."

Pakistan had neutral umpires from India for the series against the West Indies late last year and Imran was full of praise for the experiment, which has been adopted for the World Cup in India and Pakistan this autumn.

Imran's view was endorsed by his manager, who is also Pakistan's chairman of selectors and a former Test off spinner. "It is not our strategy to pressurize umpires but there is enormous pressure on players from the media and the crowd," Hasib Ahsan said.

Tour party

PAKISTAN: Imran Khan (captain), Javed Miandad (vice-captain), Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Manzoor Elahi, Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Saleem Jaffer, Aqib Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed, Mudassar Nazar, Mansoor Akhtar, Asif Mujtaba, Mohsin Kamal, Zakir Khan, Iqbal Qasim.

Woods' chance to emerge from shadow of Shilton

Chris Woods steps out of Peter Shilton's giant shadow today feeling that after three years as No. 2 he is ready to challenge England's first choice goalkeeper.

"My aim must be to play well enough to pose selection problems for the manager next time," the Glasgow Rangers player said. "I'm 27 now and don't want to keep assuming I'm the standby goalkeeper. I'm still learning, but I think over the last few years I've learned a lot. I'm a much better keeper than when I made my debut against the USA in 1985."

Woods, formerly of Norwich City, plays against Turkey because Shilton is injured, but it will be the fourth successive international in which he has seen action. And he has been beaten only once.

After ably deputizing for the injured Shilton against Yugoslavia in November, he played the final 30 minutes in Spain three months later and then the second half in Belfast when Shilton was affected by influenza.



Woods: challenge ahead

"In many ways it's been the perfect apprenticeship, two full games, five subs and a lot of trips with the squad. I certainly felt comfortable when I came on during the last two games," he said.

"But starting a game is different. It's more nerve-wracking coming on as substitute. I think it's the build-up. As the number two you go through the preparation telling yourself you might play, but not really believing it. When you come on you are briefly in a state of shock.

"Against Yugoslavia I felt different because I knew early on I was going to play."

Woods was injured when England won 8-0 on their last visit to Turkey. Manchester United's Gary Bailey was No. 2 to Shilton. Now Bailey has been forced into retirement by a knee injury, having lost his position to Woods before the World Cup.

"I really felt for Gary when I heard the news. It seemed so unreal, we have been friendly rivals for so long. We spent a lot of time together last summer. He worked very hard to get fit. I suppose it was that which just sent the thing the wrong way. His injury proves you can't take anything for certain. One injury can end it all," Woods said.

"I've got to make the most of this chance. I feel confident and that's a big part of goalkeeping. I believe I can handle the situation." Bobby Robson, the England manager, is expected to name his team around lunchtime today.

Real agree to boost security

Real Madrid could be disciplined by UEFA's disciplinary committee, which meets at Zurich on Friday, following the behaviour of their home supporters during the second leg of their European Cup semi-final against Bayern Munich.

The Spanish club, who won 1-0 at the Bernabeu stadium but lost 4-2 on aggregate, have said they will improve security — installing a video-camera system was one means mentioned — after their supporters rained missiles upon Pfaff, the Bayern goalkeeper.

Ramon Mendoza, the president of Real, said he hoped the UEFA committee would take into account photographs he had provided of Bayern players making obscene gestures at supporters.

● SV Hamburg, the club chasing Bayern Munich for the West German league title, will probably lose von Heesen, their captain and midfield player, at the end of the season, following an offer from Paris St Germain, the French side. Also likely to leave is Kaltz, the club's veteran full-back, who is negotiating with Fenerbahce, of Turkey.

● Rossi, Italy's leading goalscorer in their victorious 1982 World Cup campaign, underwent surgery in a Vicenza hospital to remove cartilage fragments from both knees yesterday.

● FC Cologne have granted Schumacher, the West German goalkeeper who was barred from the national side for life following allegations of drug-taking among his team-mates, a farewell benefit game, against a World XI in August.

Campbell fighting to leave Forest

David Campbell is a player of great talent whose career seems somehow to have gone sour. The midfield player, aged 29, who made his international debut for Northern Ireland against Brazil in the World Cup finals 10 months ago, and then set his sights on a League championship medal with Nottingham Forest, is now playing — on loan — in the third division.

Campbell is desperate to win his fifth Northern Ireland cap against Yugoslavia in Belfast today to try and interest a club in buying him. His Forest contract expires this summer.

"I know players have bad years, but this has been an absolute disaster," he said. "Up until November everything was going brilliantly — top of the table and a regular place in a team everyone rated."

It was too good to last, and after being dropped after a defeat at Oxford United, and then spending two months on the substitutes' bench, Campbell's patience snapped — something that perhaps he let happen a bit hastily. The response of the Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, to his argumentativeness was to pack him off across the Trent on loan to Forest's neighbours, Notts County, until the end of the season.

"I didn't want to drop down so far, but he (Clough) wouldn't let me go to a first or second division club, and I decided it was better to play somewhere than sit on the bench every week. I can't say I'm happy because every player wants to play at the highest level. But it's better than nothing and after three months of frustration at least I've got my appetite back, and my enthusiasm."

He showed that with a superb winning goal against Carlisle United on Sunday, that keeps County in line for a play-off position. But once that is settled, Campbell is determined to try and make a fresh start, away from Nottingham.

"When you're struggling, that is when you need your manager to stand by you, and after this season I feel a change might be for the better. He (Clough) has told me he would love me to stay and sign a new contract, but I have said I will only do that if I feel I can get my regular place back."

The Northern Ireland manager, Billy Bingham, recognizes that this season's upheavals have hindered Campbell's development, but knows that at 21, time is on his side.

Campbell says: "I've had the real high of the World Cup, and now a real down, and to experience all that in just 12 months, can only make you a better person and player."

Ironically, it was being asked to play out of position that caused his rift with Forest, but he may have to play in the wide position he dislikes so much to help compensate for the Irish lack of wingers at Windsor Park today.

New team

Alex Wright, the managing director, is to take charge of team matters at Dumbarton. Mark Clougherty, the Scottish first division club's long-serving defender, is to become coach.

The new team replace Alex Totten and his assistant Bert Parton, who have taken over at St Johnstone.

Sheedy on injured list again

Kevin Sheedy, Everton's Eire international midfield player, will almost certainly miss Saturday's home game against relegation candidates Manchester City.

Sheedy, who has only just returned to senior action after a lengthy lay-off following a cartilage operation, is again suffering from knee trouble and was pulled out of tonight's Republic of Ireland v Belgium European Championship qualifier at the weekend.

"He must be rated as very doubtful. He has still got a problem with his knee and we may have to be very careful again. It is disappointing because his recovery from the operation appeared to be complete." Howard Kendall, the Everton manager said.

● West Bromwich Albion could be without their key defender Martyn Bennett for the rearranged home game with Portsmouth tonight, which may decide both clubs' future. Bennett returned for the vital win at Millwall on Saturday, but has suffered a recurrence of the back injury that sidelined him over the Easter.

● Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, yesterday urged Neil Webb, his England midfield player, not to risk further injury in his bid for fitness in the last fortnight of the season. Webb, plagued by a hamstring injury for six weeks, is keen to play in the reserves

● Steve Williams, the Arsenal and England midfield player, and Mark Dennis, who recently signed with Queens Park Rangers, will have their disrepute charges heard by an FA disciplinary commission on May 6.

Harper leads Guyana to fourth Shield

Georgetown (Reuter) — Guyana won their fourth Shell Shield cricket championship when the final against Leeward Islands ended in a draw here yesterday. The home side took the title on points earned from a first innings of 435, which was built on a score of 131 by the young opener, Sudesh Dhaniram, and a first century of the season by the captain, Roger Harper.

Guyana passed Leewards Islands' first innings total of 317 early in the day, Harper going on to score 128. Harper, who also took four wickets, was named man of the match. Leeward Islands were 76 without loss in their second innings when the match ended.

It was Guyana's first Shell Shield since 1983. This year it was held under a knockout system because of financial constraints facing the West Indies board.

SCORES: Leeward Islands 317 and 76 for 0, Guyana 435 (S Dhaniram 131, R Harper 128, C Lambert 50).

Leicestershire supreme on a turning wicket

FENNER'S: Leicestershire beat Cambridge University by an innings and 220 runs

Leicestershire crushed Cambridge University by an innings and 220 runs as their spinners exploited a turning pitch at Fenner's yesterday. Cambridge, resuming at 24 for two and needing another 315 to make the visitors bat again, were bowled out for 119.

Peter Willey (four for 32) and Peter Such (three for 42) did the damage as only Mike Atherton (32) put up any serious resistance. Graham Pointer hit a merry 28 in a final fling.

David Price, the Cambridge captain, did not bat because of a hand injury sustained when playing in Universities' trial for the Benson & Hedges matches. He may not play today against Northamptonshire.

John Agnew, the Leicestershire paceman, and spinner Peter Such kept opener Manni Ahluwalia and captain Mike Atherton very quiet as they bowled four maidens between them in the opening six overs.

Willey, the Leicestershire captain, replaced Agnew and while his off spin conceded four runs in the first over, he had Ahluwalia trapped leg before with the total at 38.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings 118 (P M Such 4 for 14).

Second Innings

P A C Ball c Whitticase b Tennant	14
M S Ahluwalia lbw b Willey	7
J M Tremellen c and b Such	4
M A Atherton c Whitaker b Such	32
†D J Felt b Willey	9
S D Heath c Boon b Potter	1
S R Gorman b Willey	19
R J Hart c Butcher b Willey	1
G A Pointer st Whitticase b Such	28
A M G Scott not out	0
*D G Price absent hurt	0
Extras(lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total	119

FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-24, 3-38, 4-68, 5-81, 6-83, 7-90, 8-91.
BOWLING: Agnew 10-8-6-0; Tennant 5-0-15-1; Such 18.1-7-42-3; Potter 12-3-21-1; Willey 21-9-32-4.
LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 457 for 5 dec (J J Whitaker 128, I P Butcher 87, T J Boon 70, L Potter 68).
Umpires: B Hassan and R Julian.

Oliva gets a date

Patrizio Oliva, the Italian World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion, will make his third title defence on June 6, when he meets Juan Martin Coggi, of Argentina, at Ribera, Sicily.

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Leaders disqualified for premature start

From Barry Pickthall, Hyères, France

Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands swept to the fore of the French pre-Olympic regatta as the wind made a welcome return off Hyères yesterday.

The former 505 champion and his crew revelled in the force five winds and steep swell which forced a lengthy postponement of the Tornado and Flying Dutchman classes and, though finishing second to their 470 team-mates, Adrian Stead and Andrew Hemmings, were awarded the race after the leaders were disqualified for starting prematurely. The Scottish fleet leaders, Kevin Sproul and Ian Teasdale, put up a less spectacular performance, finishing sixteenth.

In the women's class, Britain's Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton climbed more than 20 places to cross the line eighth, two boats ahead of Kay Hedgecock and Ruth Rushall.

Chris Law and his crew were best of the British in the soling fleet, finishing seventh. Britain's Finn representatives also failed to perform as well as hoped with the class leader, Stuart Childerley, unable to rise higher than seventeenth, seven places behind Lawrence Crispin.

RESULTS: 470 (men): 1, N Buckley and P Newlands (GB); 2, L Huttermann and N Koele (WG); 3, R and M Drontmann (Neth). Other British placings: 12, M Holmes and O Stewart; 16, K Sproul and I Teasdale. 470 (women): 1, G Le Vallant and A Maus (Fr); 2, P Hardwiger and C Pinnow (EG); 3, M Steennuis and E Van Kuffeler (Neth). British placings: 8, C Foster and J Patton; 10, K Hedgecock and R Rushall; 31, D Shellcock and A Campbell. Sailboards: 1st race: 1, M Rentsema (Neth); N Forslin (Swed); 3, H Lag (Swe). British placings: 15, W Banham; 17, S Blake; 43, S Goody. 2nd race: 1, Rentsema; 2, M Pinnoli (Fr); 3, K Frostad (Nor). British placings: 31, S Blake; 36, W Banham; 52, S Goody. Flying Dutchman: 1, J Schonherr and M Poulsen (Den); 2, T and V Berger (Fr); 3, J Bogsen Moller and C Gronborg (Den). British placings: 7, J Turner and P Allen; 13, R Yeoman and N Burgin. 37, W Henderson and A Bowers. Finn class: 1, O Khoperski (USSR); 2, E Rechardt (Lux.); 3, T Schmid (WG). British placings: 10, L Crispin; 17, S Childerley; 38, T Tavnor. Soling Class: 1, J Schumann (EG); 2, H Fogh (Can); 3, S Pechugan (USSR). British placings: 7, C Law; 19, P Crebbin.

After a gift horse

A £4,000 prize is on offer for the first man or woman to beat a horse over 22 miles of rugged ground at Llanwrtyd Wells in mid Wales on May 16. The nearest a runner has come to doing so was in 1982 when Paul Brownson, of Altrincham, completed the course in 2 hours 10 minutes, four minutes behind the first horse home.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Monday's results
FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport County 3, Swansea City 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 3, Telford 1; Kidderminster 1, Stafford 1; Weymouth 2, Sutton United 2.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 1, Wokingham 3; Bromley 2, Croydon 0. Second division north: Collier Row 4, Chesham 3.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Southport 2, Morecambe 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester 1, Corby 1; Aylesbury 0, Fisher 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 3, Leicester 0; Second division: Port Vale 1, Grimsby 0, Rotherham 1, York 0, Wigan 0, Blackpool 1, Barnsley 1, Notts County 3.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 3, QPR 1.
ROADFERRY HIGH CUP: Newry 2, Ards 1; Crusaders 5, Limavady 2.
OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Oxford Utd 2, Oxford City 1
HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: First division: Purton 1, Bishops Cleeve 2.
Yesterday's results
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Ipswich 4, Reading 0
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: West Ham 3, Southampton 1
EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Fifth Group: (At Xanthi) Greece 2, Poland 0. Third Group: (At Kavi) USSR 2, E Germany 1.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Oakland A's 5, Boston Red Sox 2; Seattle Mariners 5, Detroit Tigers 2. National League: San Francisco Giants 7, Atlanta Braves 3; Houston Astros 11, New York Mets 1; Montreal Expos 6, Philadelphia Phillies 4.

BOXING

JOHANNESBURG: Heavyweight (10 rounds): Johnny Du Plooy (SA) knocked out David Bey (US), ninth round.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Buccaneers 119-9 dec, *Bedford 122-7; *Charterhouse 201-8 dec, Grasshoppers 202-5; Colfe's 187-6 dec, *Eltham 175-8; Durham University 226-7 dec, *Durham 184-4 (A Rosebarry 100 not); Fed of Tottenham Colts 137, *Chigwell 222-7; *Haberdashers' Aske's 190-5 dec, (D Chippeck 102 not), Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 104; *Hampton 194-7 dec, John Lyon 103-7; Hurstpierpoint 253-3 dec, (A Reid 116), Lindisfarne 161; *Kingston GS 94, Guildford RGS 95-1; Loughborough GS 185-7 dec, *Stamford 115-5; Mill Hill 221-5 dec, Enfield GS 131-9; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 152-8 dec, *St John's, Oxford 47-9; Oakwood 51, *Radcliffe 52-1; Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bristol 149, *King Edward's, Bath 25; St Giles CC 292-9 dec, *The Leys 198-8, *St John's, Leatherhead 150, Aldyn's 152-6; *Sevenoaks 104, St Dunstan's 105-9; *Stowe 284-4 dec (S Morris 136), Dean Close 176; *Tonbridge, Croydon 209-7 dec, King's, Rochester 184-8; *Warwick 121, Worcester RGS 122-5; West Buckland 94, *Kelly 98-3; *Wrekin 165-8 dec, King's, Worcester 85.

CYCLING

SCHOTEN, Belgium: Grand Prix de l'Escaut (207 km): Leading placings: 1, E de Wilde (Bel), 6hr 00min 30sec; 2, J-P van Poppel (Neth); 3, M Lemaire (Bel); 4, T van Vliet (Neth); 5, M Hermans (Neth); 6, P Peeters (Neth); 7, M Arntz (Neth); 8, J Lieckens (Bel); 9, J Slabbinck (Den); 10, M Dierickx (Bel); All same time as de Wilde.

GOLF

MOOR PARK: Thames TV pro-am tournament: (27 holes): 86: N Brown (Mid Herts); 98: H Flatman (Romford); 103: R Green (Hadley Wood); D McClelland (Silvermere), C da Foy (Coombe Hill), N Mitchell (Mid Kent).
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Dunhill Cup Pacific tournament: Qualifying tournament: 1, Thailand, 139pts; 2, Singapore, India, both 143 (Singapore won play-off; Thailand and Singapore qualify).

TENNIS

HAMBURG: West German open: Men's singles: First round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt V Pecci (Par), 7-5, 6-0; D Korenic (WG) bt C Pistolesi (It), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; H Skoff (Austria) bt C Saceanu (WG), 6-4, 6-2; U Stenlund (Swe) bt J Kley (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; C Motta (Br) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 7-5, 7-6; J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Pugh (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Giammalva (It) bt S Casal (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; D Cahill (Aus) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 7-6, 6-4, 7-5. Second round: T Tulasne (Fr) bt S Bernar (Cz), 6-3, 6-0; K Carlsson (Swe) bt C Steeb (WG), 6-1, 7-6; E Teltscher (US) bt J Arrese (Sp), 7-5, 7-5; M Jaite (Arg) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-3, 6-3.
MUNICH: Women's International Tennis Association rankings: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, S Graf (WG); 3, C Lloyd (US); 4, H Mandlikova (Cz); 5, H Sukova (Cz); 6, P Shriver (US); 7, Z Garrison (US); 8, M Maleeva (Bul); 9, G Sabatini (Arg) 10, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 11, B Bunge (WG); 12, L McNeil (US); 13, K Rinaldi (US); 14, C Lindqvist (Swe); 15, W Turnbull (Aus); 16, B Potter (US); 17, K Maleeva (Bul); 18, S Hanika (WG); 19, R Reggi (It); 20, M Gurney (US).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (play-off): Final series: Norris Division: Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Detroit Red Wings 2 (OT: Toronto lead best-of-seven series 3-1). Smythe Division: Edmonton Oilers 4, Winnipeg Jets 2. (Edmonton win best-of-seven series 4-0).
VIENNA: World championships: Czechoslovakia 4, United States 2; West Germany 5, Switzerland 1.

SQUASH RACKETS

ABBEY NATIONAL MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Under-16 Final: S Parke (Yorkshire) bt P Marshall (Essex) 9-10, 9-7, 9-5, 9-3; Under-19 Final: S Meade (Berks) bt M Pearce (Devon) 9-1, 9-1, 9-3.
NEWCASTLE: ICI TYNE: National Women's team championship: Northern 1, Hudders-field 4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Aberdillery 10, Bridgend 13.
SURREY SEVENS: Harlequins 22, Rosslyn Park 0.
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SEVENS: Marlow 36, Beaconsfield 6.
CANTERBURY SEVENS: Trojans 26, Canterbury 0.

SPEEDWAY

NEWCASTLE: Grand slam qualifying round: 1, M Fiora (Middlesbrough), 14; 2, D Marden (Newcastle), 12; 3, D Blackburn (Newcastle), 12; 4, P Steed (Stoke) 11; 5, D Sumner (Stoke), 11.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: upper runs, runs almost complete, wet snow; middle runs, runs almost complete, wet snow; lower slopes, no snow or very little; variable runs, 1,400ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2,400ft. Forecast for today: dry, sunny periods after valley fog clears; overnight frost; fresh southerly winds. Outlook for tomorrow: turning colder, and after overnight rain, becoming brighter with showers falling as snow on summits.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Queen Victoria (left) with her family in 1886; the baby is the mother of the Duke of Edinburgh. A Royal Family Album (BBC1, 8.00pm)

Through a glass, royally

● The accession of Queen Victoria and the invention of photography happened within a couple of years and although there is no evidence that Victoria or Albert took photographs themselves, they enthusiastically championed the new art. Albert posed for a Brighton photographer as early as 1842 and became patron of the Royal Photographic Society. Victoria laid the basis of what has become a huge royal collection by asking for pictures of national events and saving the snaps sent in by her subjects. Her second son, Prince Albert, started a line of royal photographers which has extended to the present Duke of York. In **A Royal Family Album** (BBC1, 8.00pm) the Duke helps Sir Michael Hordern to leaf through the collection and evoke the Victorian age as captured by the lens. The Duke turns out to be a more than capable television performer who could well have anchored the show on his own. If so, he might have insisted on a sharper script. Like so many royal programmes, this one has the enervating air of blandness. It also tends to wander off the subject. But there are nuggets, not least an extraordinary photograph from Scandinavia, printed from 30 separate negatives, which tries to imitate classical painting. Full of nude females, it was discreetly hidden from the public gaze, though Victoria and Albert were happy to embrace it as art.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

● *Peter Davalle writes:* A double treat on radio today for opera buffs – a live transmission from the London Coliseum of Verdi's **Simon Boccanegra**, with Jonathan Summers and Gwynne Howell (Radio 3, 7.30pm), and a repeat on Radio 4 (at 4.05pm) of Michael Oliver's **The Immortal Bohemian**, which won this year's Sony Radio Award for the best classical music programme. Oliver settled for the kaleidoscopic approach to the life and music of Puccini, with flashbacks and flashforwards in both time and space: here a quote, there a quote; here a snatch of *Turandot*, there a snatch of *La Boheme*; here Puccini's recipe for boiling beans, there his recipe for romantic dalliance. What we lose in chronology we gain in vital detail, and I happily settle for that.



Jonathan Summers (left) and Gwynne Howell (R3, 7.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.0, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; *regional news* and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** With Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald examines schemes which offer language help and self-help for those whose second language is English.
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC. 10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 Paddington.** (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather.
11.05 World Snooker. The finish of the first quarterfinal of the Embassy World Professional Championship Includes *news* and weather at 12.00 **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Terry and Paul plight their troth, but Helen's pleasure of the occasion is marred by the presence of Gwen **1.50 Pie in the Sky.** (r)
2.10 Racing From Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the Insulpak Sagaro EBF Stakes (2.30); the Insulpak Victoria Cup (3.05); and the White Rose Stakes (3.40) Includes news and weather at 2.55.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail leads to frog-spawn **4.10 Ulysses 31.** Space age cartoon adventures. (r) **4.35 Take Two** presented by Phillip Schofield. The guest is Valerie Georgeson; the writer of the serial Jonny Briggs.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 The End of the World Man. The third and final episode of the drama. **5.35 The Raccoons.** Cartoon series.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip *Hayton. Weather.*
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. tonight's guests include Judge James Pickles, Brother Andrew, and Derek Nimmo. Plus, a song from Sarah Brightman.
7.35 Best of British. Part two of the series celebrating five decades of films from the Rank Studios focuses on the comedy output.
8.00 A Royal Family Album. The Duke of York talks to Sir Michael Hordern about the royal photographic collection of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
9.05 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.35 Q.E.D: I, Daedalus. Dr David Jones, who writes the humorous Daedalus column in the *New Scientist* magazine, tests some of his more outlandish ideas with the help of Professor Eddie Dawes, vice-president of the Magic Circle. The narrator is Professor Ian Fells.
10.05 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. **Football:** highlights of the games between Turkey and England; Northern Ireland and Yugoslavia; and Wales and Czechoslovakia; **Snooker:** the Embassy World Professional Championship; and **Athletics:** a report on Britain's 4x400m relay squad's training in California.
12.10 Weather.



Designs on tomorrow: Dr David Jones and his perpetual motion creation in I, Daedalus (on BBC1, 9.35pm)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: *The Happiest Days of Your Life.* Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
10.00 Daytime on Two: for four- and five-year olds **10.15** Science: twigs and wood **10.38** *The effect of the Ice Age on the land* **11.00** Words and pictures **11.17** *The first of five* programmes on information technology **11.37 Ceefax.**
12.50 At a training establishment for jockeys near Marseilles **1.05 Ceefax 1.38** *The Eskimoes*, adapted for the hearing impaired **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** The difference between town and country living **2.15** The story of Muhammad's life; and a visit to the world's oldest existing minaret.
2.35 International Football and **World Snooker.** Live coverage of the game in Izmir between Turkey and England, introduced by Jimmy Hill with Trevor Booking. Kick off is at 4.00 with commentary from John Motson. Plus, quarterfinal action in the Embassy World Professional Championship. The commentators at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm, and Clive Everton. Includes *news, regional news, and* weather at 3.50.
7.00 Only One Earth. A cautionary documentary on the fate of the world's trees and why it is imperative that some countries' policy of cutting down forests should be checked. Presented by environmental journalist, Iain Guest.
8.00 Ballerina. In this last programme of her series, Natalia Makarova, explains that an essential *feature of ballet tradition is* that dancers should pass on their knowledge and skills to the dancers of the future.
9.00 World Snooker. Quarterfinal action from Sheffield. *Introduced by* David Vine.
9.25 Have His Carcase. Episode three of the Dorothy L. Sayers mystery and Lord Peter persuades Harriet Vane to flirt with Henry Weldon, the man Lord Peter believes is the killer of the gigolo. *(Ceefax)*
10.20 Secret Society. In the second of four programmes Duncan Campbell examines what happens to government at a time of crisis or war. (Ceefax)
10.50 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.55 Newsnight includes the second of two reports by Michael Buerk on South Africa's general election. **11.40 Weather.**
11.45 Open University: *Maths - Complex Integration* **12.10** More Than Meets the Eye. Ends at **12.40.**

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6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35.** After Nine's Women's Health Week continues with Claire Rayner discussing hysterectomy/ mastectomy; at **9.22** exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: children talk about relationships **9.42** The work of Shirley Hughes, a writer and illustrator of children's books **9.59** Junior maths **10.16** Urban feral cats **10.33** English: part one of Voices in the Dark **11.03** Religious education **11.39** French.
12.00 The Gliddy Game Show. (r) **12.10 Allsorts.** For the young.
12.30 In the Same Boat. Kay Avila talks to three East Enders who have experienced prejudice for belonging to an immigrant group.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian township **2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan and her guest, Jennie Siew lee Cook, prepare Chinese Malaysian dishes **3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Creepy Crawlies. Paul *Nicholas with the story of* Leaning and Draughts **4.10 Dennis.** Cartoon adventures of a young man who attracts trouble **4.20** *Do It. (Oracle)* **4.35 How** Dare You! Slapstick humour for the young **4.45 Murphy's Mob.** Serial about a football team and its supporters. (r)
5.15 Pass the Buck. Quiz game for couples.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help! This second programme in Environment Week examines the destruction of the ozone layer.
6.35 Crossroads. Benny continues to pine for the dead Diane.
7.00 Victorian Values. Bamber Gascoigne visits one of the early 'model prisons' - Strangeways, Manchester. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Hilda comes to the rescue of Kevin and Sally. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike it Lucky. Hi-tech quiz game .
8.30 Who's the Greatest? Alfred Marks produces evidence that Joe Davis was the greatest snooker player; Lennie Bennett puts the case for Steve Davis. (Oracle)
9.00 Taggart. The third and final episode of the thriller set in and around Glasgow, starring Mark McManus. (Oracle)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.05 News with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes.Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.35 Film: Police Academy (1984) starring George Gaynes, Steve Guttenberg, and Kim Cattrall. A comedy about an intake of misfits into a police academy after the local mayor lifts restrictions on who *is eligible to join the force.* Directed by Hugh Wilson.
12.25 That's Hollywood. Clips from films that are late-night offerings. Ends at **12.50.**



Born Free, TV version: Diana Muldaur and Gary Collins as the Adamsons in Channel 4's wild life series, (at 5.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.35 South Africa Today. On the eve of the general election in South Africa, a documentary made by white South Africans on the question of how the moderates of different colours and creeds can find a common cause to save their country.
3.35 Baryshnikov in Hollywood. Mikhail Baryshnikov travels west recreating, in dance, some of his favourite screen roles, including those *played by Errol Flynn and* Humphrey Bogart. (r)
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Gwen Gerds from Scarborough.
5.00 Born Free. Part two of an adventure series based on the true story of the lives of George and Joy Adamson and the lioness, Elsa. Today, George goes in search of two intelligent man-eating lions, without the help of his trusted guide, Mwanga.
5.55 Mother and Son. Australian domestic comedy series about a middle-aged divorcee who returns home to live with his aged but knowing mother.
6.30 The Making of Britain. Part seven, and Dr Vic Gatrell, Fellow and Tutor of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, explains how almost every aspect of 19th-century daily life came under the scrutiny of the state.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen includes a report on a new and less expensive brain scanner.
7.50 Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Clement Freud, the Liberal spokesman on broadcasting and the arts. Followed by **Weather.**
8.00 The Victorian House. Part two investigates who built Victorian houses, and how many. (Oracle)
8.30 Diverse Reports. In the week that sees the launch of the What's Your Sport? campaign, Sebastian Coe argues that sportspeople should not be afraid of using politics or of making waves.
9.00 The Media Show. This fourth programme of the series includes an investigation into the state of publishing by following the progress of the much-hyped, Destiny; and an interview with the Russian film-maker, Elem Klimov.
10.00 Film: Anne and Muriel (1971) starring Jean-Pierre Leaud, Kika Markham, and Stacey Tendeter. A drama examining over a period of seven turn-of-the-century years the complex relationship between a young sculptor and two sisters. Directed by Francois Truffaut.
12.20 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.35.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Don't Break Your Heart **10.05-12.10am** European Football (Wales v Czechoslovakia) **12.10-12.15** News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.30am-11.00 Dotsman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.05-12.10am** Sportscene **12.10-12.15** Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** The Flintstones **10.05-12.10am** Sportsnight **12.10-12.15** News and weather. ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: **11.40am-12.00** Ulster In Focus. SCOTLAND: **2.35pm-3.30** Bonanza

ANGLIA As London except:**9.25am-9.30** Anglia News and Weather **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens For All **1.20-1.30** Anglia News and Weather **5. 15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **12.25am** The Norfolk Angle. Close

BORDER As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** Border News **3.00** The Year Was...1960 **3.25** Border News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Lookaround Wednesday **12.25am** Weather, close

CENTRAL As London except:**5.15-5.15am** Central Jobfinder '87 **12.30pm-1.00** That's Hollywood **1.20** Central News **1.30-2.30** Paper Dolls **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00** Central News **6.35** Crossroads **12.25am** The Dark Secret of Harvest Home **2.53** Central News, Closedown, followed by Central Jobfinder '87

CHANNEL As London except:**9.25am-9.30** For Openers **12.30pm-1.00** The *Paul Cole* Show **1.00-1.20** Channel News **2.00** The *Sullivans* **2.25** Home Cookery Club **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.12** Puttle's Pie(l)ce **5.15** Connections **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.00-10.05** Do You Remember? **12.25am** Weather, Close

GRAMPIAN As London except:**9.25am-9.30** First Thing **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20-1.30** North News **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **12.25am** News, Weather, Close

GRANADA As London except:**9.25am-9.30** Granada Reports **12.30pm-1.00** The Human Face of the Pacific **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Hart to Hart **2.25-2.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Punky Brewster **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25-6.30** This is Your Right! **12.25am** Close

HTV WEST As London except:**9.25am-9.30** HTV News **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** HTV News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** HTV News **12.25am** Weather, Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** Scottish News **1.30** Live at One-Thirty **2.00-2.30** Whose Baby? **3.00** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous **3.25** Crystal Tipps & Alistair **3.30-4.00** Revelations **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **12.25am** Late Call **12.30** Close

TSW As London except:**9.25am-9.30** TSW News and Weather **12.30pm-1.00** Gardens For All **1.20-1.30** TSW News and Weather **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **5.12** Gus Honeybuns Magic Birthdays **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **12.25am** Postcripts **12.30** Weather, Close

TVS As London except:**9.25am-9.30** TVS Outlook **12.30-1.00pm** Coast to Coast People **1.20-1.30** TVS News **2.00** The Sullivans **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **3.25-4.00** TVS News followed by The Young Doctors **5.12-5.45** TVS News followed by Connections **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **12.25am** Company, Close

TYNE TEES As London except:**9.25am-9.30** Regional News **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20** Regional News **1.25-1.30** Where The Jobs Are **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **12.20am** Who Jesus Is **12.30** Close

ULSTER As London except:**9.25am-9.30** The Day Ahead **12.30pm-1.00** Horses for Courses **1.20-1.30** Lunchtime **3.30** The History of the Grand Prix **3.58-4.00** Ulster News **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Ask Anne **12.20am** News

YORKSHIRE As London except:**9.25am-9.30** Calendar News **12.30-1.00** Calendar Lunchtime Live **1.30** Calendar News **1.30-2.30** The Outsiders **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Calendar **12.25am** Jobfinder **1.25** Close

S4C Starts:**11.10am** Schools Programmes **12.05pm** Film: Ring of Spies' **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Tom Keating on Painters **3.00** Mountbatten **4.00** Mister Ed' **4.30** Fraisebeam **4.45** Cadwgan **5.00** Blildowcar **5.30** Hogan's Heroes **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Plants for Free **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Cary **8.05** Hel Straeon **8.45** Diamod Arall **9.15** Film: Kids Don't Tell **11.05** Pel-Droed A Saweer **12.15am** Diverse Reports **12.45** Close

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Radio 2

MF (Medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) **4.00am** Bill Rennells **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Michael Aspel **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs. **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **4.00** Soccer Special (Turkey v England) **5.45** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 (fasturing The Harvesters and June Tabor) **8.00** International Soccer (Northern Ireland v Yugoslavia) **9.45** Listen to the Bank (joining vhf) **10.00** A Wealth of Wisdom (Norman Wisdom) **10.15** The Houghton Weavers **10.30** Music Goes Round and Round AT 78 rpm **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 news 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Masterbrain 9.00 News 9.08 Review of the British Press 8.15 *World Today* 9.30 *Financial News* followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Cambalio 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Island People 11.25 A Letter From Wales 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Time For Verse 12.25 Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Visions of Humanism 3.30 Vintage Comedy 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Good Books 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 International Soccer Special 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Vintage Comedy 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 The Pleasures of Seeking 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 *Network UK* 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial News 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-four Hours (until 5.30). All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. *University* Magazine. Until **6.55**
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Lyadov (Mazurka Op 19: Slovak PO under Gunzenhauser). Balakirav (the Oriental *fantasy Islamey*: Bavarian RSO under Salonen). Rachmaninov (Grand Doxology, Vespers Op 37: USSR National Choir). Rimsky-Korsakov (The Invisible City of Kitezh suite: SNO under Neeme Jarvi). **8.00** News
8.06 Concert (continued): Copland (Variations on a Shaker melody: Milwaukee SO under Foss). Copland (Five Old American Songs: Marilyn Horne, mezzo, with ECO under Carl Davis). Debussy (Sonata for flute, viola and harp: Melos Ensemble). Tubin (Suite on Estonian dances: Lubotsky, violin, with Gothenburg SO under Jervi). **9.00** World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Spohr. Sechs deutsche Lieder Op 94 (*Wilson-Johnson, baritone, with* David Owen Norris, fortepiano). String Quintet in B minor, Op 69 (Bamberg SO members)
10.00 Roussel: Symphony No 2 (Paris Colonne Orchestra under Pierre Dervaux). Pierné's Ballet, and Images (Loire PO under Dervaux)
10.55 Piano music of 1789: Linda Nicholson (fortepiano) plays Haydn's Sonata in C, H XVI 48; and Mozart's Sonata in D, K 576
11.30 Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra, under Howarth. Mozart (Marriage of Figaro overture), Schubert (Entr'acte in B minor, Rosamunde), Roussel (Spider's Banquet ballet music), Frank Bridge (Summer), Alan Langford (Three amusements)
12.30 Spike Hughes: tribute to the British jazz composer. Recordings are presented by Charles Fox (i). **1.00** News
1.05 Brahms: Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34. Bochmann Quartet with Tamas Vasary (piano)
2.00 Prokofiev: St Louis SO under Leonard Slatkin play the Cinderella suite
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Edward Seckerson's guide to recordings of Copland's Symphony No 3, and recordings of Renaissance choral music reviewed by Stephen Pettitt (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. A live transmission. The organ scholar is Stephen Layton. **5.00** World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: Shostakovich (Overture on Russian and Kirghiz folk themes: Amsterdam Concertgebouw under Haitink). Joseph Auffmann (Organ Concerto in G: Franz Lehmdorfer, organ, with Stuggart Soloists), William Sweeney (Missa brevis in C, K 258: Dresden PO under Kegel, with Leipzig Radio Chor, and soloists Shirai, Schimi, Ude and Polster), Grieg (Quartet in G minor: Copenhagen String Quartet). **6.55** News
7.00 Trio Musiviva: Frank Martin's Trio sur des melodies populaires irlandaises; and R d'Allesandro's Trio
7.30 Simon Boccanegra: Verdi's *opera in prologue and three* acts. Sung in English. The English National Opera production, broadcast direct from the Coliseum in London. Conductor: Mark Elder. With Jonathan Summers in the title role. Cast also includes Janice Cairns, Arthur Davies, Gwynne Howell. Prologue and Act one
8.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDougall
9.10 Simon Boccanegra: the second and third acts of the English National Opera production from the London Coliseum
10.15 Book, Music and Lyrics: another of Robert Cushman's programmes about stage musicals. Tonight: Kurt Weill – The Firebrand of Florence
11.00 First Night: The RSC production of The Merchant of Venice at Stratford-upon-Avon is reviewed by Wilbur Sanders
11.05 Manchester Chamber Music: Howard Shelley and Hilary Macnamara (pianos). Saint-Saens (Variations on a theme of Beethoven, Op 35, and Polonaise, Op 77). Also Ravel's arrangement of Debussy's Nocturnes
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (S) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Anne Robinson (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners Question Time (from Llandaff Horticultural and Conservation Society)
10.30 Morning Story. The Kite by Alifa Rifaat. The reader is Souad Faress
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 93 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Pillars of Society (1:) The Royal Shakespeare Company. An investigation by Robert Cushman. The contributors include Sir Peter Hall, Peter Brook, and the RSC's artistic director Terry Hands. Also the actor Alan Rickman (r)
11.48 *Piano Portrait. Patricia* Carroll plays music from her collection of Victorian pieces by pianists of the day. (1:) Marie Pleyel
12.00 News; Family – First to Last. How parents and children stand in the eyes of the law. (3) Breaking up. Presented by John Howard
12.27 Lexicon of Laughter. Richard Anthony Baker with a humorous look at the alphabet. Includes the voices of Victoria Wood, Billy Connolly and Gerald Hoffnung (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One. News
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast (Labour Party)
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes an interview with the cricketer Clive Lloyd, former West Indies and Lancashire captain. Also episode seven of In the Springtime of the Year, by Susan Hill. The reader is Lois Baxter.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Venus Smiles, by J G Ballard. With Philip Voss, Graham Seed and Anna Nygh in the cast.
3.47 Time For Verse. (H Colin Davis) 1. What?
4.00 News
4.05 Prizewinners. Winner of the 1987 Sony Radio Award for Best Classical Music programme. The Immortal Bohemian. Life of Puccini (1:) Music without words. With Norman Rodway as Puccini and Jill Balcon as his wife (see Choice)(r)
5.00 PM. *News magazine* **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; *Travel*
6.00 News. Financial report
6.30 Frank Muir goes into...Loss. Frank Muir and Alfred Marks (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business
7.45 Singer's Choice. Tenor and opera producer Michael Douglas talks about Elisabeth Schumann, and plays some of her recordings.
8.15 Family – First to Last. John Howard is joined by experts to answer questions. Lines open from 7.00pm. 01-580 4411
9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. Going Quietly Mad by Chris Hawes. With Chris Hawes, Diane Whitley and Cliff Howells. The tribulations of a shopkeeper (r) (s)
9.30 *Journey Round my People.* Jamaican-born Londoner Ferdi Dennis visits six major cities to discover Britain's black communities. Tonight: Liverpool.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on Martin Amis's Einstein's Monsters, (the author is interviewed) and the film Hour of the Star
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Docherty by William McIlvanney. Reader: David Hayman (3) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00 am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Singing Along **11.20** Junior Drama Workship (s) **11.40** Maths: Calculated Tales **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.30pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Looking at Nature (s) **2.20** Talk to Me (s) **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind **2.40** Travel and Tourism **5.50-5.55** PM (*continued*)**11.30** *Open* University. **11.30** Modernism and the Art Market **11.50** The Cold War: The Soviet View **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. GSCE English. Poetry Today **12.30** Do We Not Bleed? **12.50** Trippingly on the tongue

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SPORT

Johnson plays his winning colours

By Sydney Friskin

The quarter-finals of the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday featured a British cast except for the New Zealander, Dene O'Kane, who was confounded by a dazzling performance from Jimmy White, who led him 8-0.

The world champion, Joe Johnson, raced to a 7-1 lead over the Scottish champion, Stephen Hendry. Potting cleanly and deliberately, Johnson uncovered a measure of confidence not seen in most of his displays this season.

Hendry did not play all that badly and he ran Johnson fairly close in three of the frames he lost. Johnson won the first frame with a clearance on the colours up to the pink.

The Scottish champion responded by winning the second frame convincingly with breaks of 31 and 54 to level the score but Johnson, who rarely missed a shot, built himself a 3-1 lead.

Johnson's lead was soon extended to 6-1 and all Hendry's efforts to snatch the last frame before the interval were frustrated by Johnson's break of 38.

O'Kane had said on the previous night after he had beaten Doug Mountjoy 13-5,

Sheffield results

SECOND ROUND (GB unless stated): N Foulds bt D Taylor, 13-10. Frame scores (Foulds first): 53-44, 0-94, 62-50, 68-7, 54-78, 33-57, 86-1, 107-13, 70-20, 92-41, 1-58, 48-52, 24-59, 1-74, 70-19, 75-0, 34-66, 43-66, 64-50, 70-19, 1-69, 64-49, 68-11. D O'Kane (NZ) bt D Mountjoy, 13-5. Frame scores (O'Kane first): 33-64, 48-74, 41-76, 72-46, 137-0, 71-35, 75-55, 78-16, 112-12, 0-78, 80-35, 83-0, 62-55, 56-1, 52-60, 63-32, 78-20, 78-0. J White bt J Parrott, 13-11. Frame scores (White first): 10-61, 52-62, 70-63, 74-0, 74-15, 88-0, 1-80, 89-32, 37-66, 73-36, 58-67, 51-72, 23-76, 114-12, 68-60, 73-1, 80-36, 73-57, 4-98, 66-74, 53-47, 111-37, 21-105, 57-50. M Hallett bt S Francisco (SA), 13-9. Frame scores (Hallett first): 25-76, 76-44, 83-55, 1-87, 42-10, 133-1, 47-84, 28-101, 79-32, 104-0, 79-35, 41-78, 62-56, 42-14, 94-0, 56-62, 105-7, 82-9, 107-23, 67-65, 5-82, 117-0.
QUARTER-FINALS: J Johnson leads S Hendry, 7-1. Frame scores (Johnson first): 58-42, 6-86, 81-24, 90-2, 68-50, 74-1, 85-46, 58-45. J White leads D O'Kane (NZ), 8-0. Frame scores (White first): 81-4, 80-22, 62-53, 82-34, 62-27, 62-23, 74-6, 85-4. N Foulds and M Hallett level at 4-4. Frame scores (Foulds first): 83-11, 1-75, 0-105, 75-38, 42-61, 105-17, 65-38, 7-107. S Davis leads T Griffiths, 3-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 86-33, 58-18, 71-46, 25-67.

that when White is in form he can be quite intimidating. O'Kane's worst fears were confirmed yesterday.

In every frame White had breaks of 30 and more, the best being 73, 70 and 85. Only once — and that was in the third frame — did O'Kane put up a fight when he made a break of 53 but it still was not good enough and although he had a break of 30 in the next frame it was a poor answer to the 73 which White had made at the start of it.

Mike Hallett of Grimsby, seeded No.27, made a distinguished break of 105 against the thirteenth seed, Neal Foulds, in the third frame of their quarter-final to go 2-1 ahead. But Foulds made a clearance of 105 which enabled him to level at 3-3.

The recovery of lost ground by Hallett in the seventh frame was in the end of no consequence after an attempt at the green ended in an in-off which enabled Foulds to go 4-3 ahead. But Hallett replied with a clearance of 103 and at 4-4 was back in the match.

On the adjoining table Steve Davis and Terry Griffiths, two former champions, were driving along in strangely low gear. Davis won the first frame with a supporting break of 35 in 21 minutes but 46 minutes were spent before he put the second frame beyond the reach of Griffiths.

After 36 minutes Davis went 3-0 ahead but Griffiths pulled back a frame just before the first interval.

Robson cautious over mysterious England casualty

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Izmir, Turkey

Bobby Robson, the England manager, faces an eleventh hour decision about the composition of his team for today's group four European Championship game against Turkey. His captain, Bryan Robson, the influential heart of the team, is still struggling against injury as is another key player, believed to be Gary Mabbutt.

England should be relishing the prospect of taking on the nation that is considered by far the weakest in the group and which conceded 13 goals without reply during the two recent World Cup qualifying matches. Instead Bobby Robson was surprisingly cautious and reserved.

The concerns heaped upon the manager by the uncertainties he has had to face in team selection over the last 72 hours manifested themselves in an uncharacteristic outburst during the pre-match press conference last night.

It opened quietly enough with a conclusive statement that, because a couple of players had yet to recover from injury, the team would not be announced.

Almost immediately Robson conceded that one of the victims was his captain and namesake. That much was obvious anyway. Bryan Robson, still apprehensive about twisting, turning and checking, trained on his own during a morning session that attracted over 2,000 spectators (a capacity audience of 75,000 is forecast for today).

"But he is improving all the time," Bobby Robson said, "and we hope he makes it. I want him to be close to a 100 per cent. Seventy per cent will not do."

But England's manager adamantly and consistently refused to reveal the identity of the other possible casualty. He offered no excuse for the curious and unaccustomed secrecy other than to say: "I don't want to tell you who it is, nor does the player involved, but it affects situations like set plays."

He did reluctantly admit that the centre of mounting speculation was among those initially considered to be doubtful when the squad assembled on Sunday. That reduced the field to four. Kenny Sansom was instantly removed from the list when Robson confirmed that his only left back was fit.

Mabbutt, was also later said to be "in pain but available." By the process of elimination, Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle were left apparently as the only candidates. They had hobbled away from Tottenham Hotspur's victory over Oxford United on Saturday with a groin and thigh strain respectively.

But there was no logical reason for raising an impenetrable protective screen around either of them. Since the Turks were already aware that the pair were among those who might be physically fragile, why go to such extreme and unusual lengths to conceal or disguise the vulnerability of their condition?

The solution had to lie elsewhere. The most satisfactory and credible assumption is that "the second man" must be linked directly to the first.

The answer, in other words, is the versatile Mabbutt. He is expected to fill the central defensive role he plays at Tottenham if Bryan Robson is able to lead the side. If not, Mabbutt will take his place and act as Hoddle's security in midfield with Mark Wright coming in to partner Dave Watson at the rear.

The explanation for Bobby Robson's reticence and for the publication of his strange detective story would, therefore, be understandable. It would appear that he prefers not to disturb an otherwise settled, relaxed and successful squad by exposing one of them, perhaps needlessly, as a second choice.

In effect, he could have filled his formation with 11 understudies and still remained justifably confident that they would collect another two points.

ENGLAND (probable): C Woods (Rangers); V Anderson (Arsenal), D Watson (Everton), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur) or M Wright (Southampton), K Sansom (Arsenal), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), B Robson (Manchester United) or Mabbutt, S Hodge (Tottenham Hotspur), G Lineker (Barcelona), C Allen (Tottenham Hotspur).

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	7	0	6
Yugoslavia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Turkey	2	0	1	1	0	4	1
N Ireland	3	0	1	2	0	5	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: October 14: England v Turkey, Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland. November 11: Yugoslavia v England, Northern Ireland v Turkey. December 16: Turkey v Yugoslavia.



Stretching out: Bryan Robson, who is hoping to be passed fit to lead the England side.

SIS go despite shares delay

By John Goodbody and Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Satellite Information Services will begin beaming live horse and greyhound racing into some of Britain's 10,200 betting shops next Tuesday despite the contract with the Racecourse Association (RCA) still being unsigned and 40 per cent of shares yet to be allocated.

The launch of SIS, which is dominated by the Big Four bookmaking chains, will start in Bristol and Colchester, where 120 of the 125 betting shops are taking the service.

Bruce Matthews, the chairman of SIS, said yesterday that it was "not a problem" that the contract with the RCA, representing Britain's 59 racecourses, had yet to be signed.

"The heads of agreement have been signed. There are no voices saying they are not in favour," Mr Matthews told a press conference, adding that the details were a matter of "full stops and commas."

But he did say that, because the Office of Fair Trading was examining the betting industry and SIS, the remaining shares would not yet be issued.

"We are waiting for the OFT decision to see if there is to be an inquiry," he said. But Mr Matthews added that probably there would be eight different shareholders, each with five per cent. Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca have 45 per cent between them, the Tote has five per cent and the RCA has the remaining 10 per cent.

He stressed that the 40 per cent equity would go to people not connected with the bookmaking holding companies.

But the controversy, which was the subject of an inquiry in *The Times* in February, remains vital and active. People are still concerned that the Big Four will control too much of the two sports, which may ultimately be harmed financially by the introduction of satellite television.

As Mr Matthews was speaking, the House of Lords was simultaneously debating the subject, following a complaint during question time from Lord Dean of Keswick, the former Labour MP, to Lord Caithness, the Home Office Minister, about the formation of SIS.

Lord Dean said: "Lord Caithness must be aware of the great concern shown in the Commons by a series of questions from all corners at the formation of SIS, which has been set up by the four largest bookmakers almost to the exclusion of the independent and long-standing information services.

"This could eventually develop into a monopoly situation with very great detrimental effect to the independence of the betting industry and the punters, certainly in the greyhound sector."

Lord Wyatt, a director of SIS and the chairman of the Tote, replied: "The whole of the horse racing industry is delighted with the arrangements made because it is going to earn a bonanza out of it."

Neath tell Davies to state intentions

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Jonathan Davies, one of the few players in Britain and Ireland capable of stamping any match in which he plays with his individual personality, has virtually been challenged by Neath, the club he has captained for two seasons, to state his playing intentions or leave.

In a statement yesterday, Neath said: "Because he has failed to make his future playing intentions clear, Jonathan Davies can no longer be considered as part of the progression plan of Neath RFC. Whatever code, country or club he will be involved with in the future, Neath wish him the best of luck."

Davies, capped 13 times by Wales at stand-off half and an integral member of their World Cup squad, handed over the captaincy of his club to Stuart Evans, the Wales prop, last week although the announcement concerning next season's captain was only made this week. But Neath's statement took him by surprise.

"I haven't made my mind up whether I go or not," he said yesterday. "They have brought the statement out but still told me there is a place for me. They asked me what I was doing next year and I said I was undecided. I may stay in Australia or have a rest after the World Cup.

"I can see Neath's predicament because they will have to look for an outside half. But I've had no difficulty with the club. I'm still a player there."

Indeed, in his last match for Neath, on Easter Monday, Davies played brilliantly to score three tries against Aberavon but, because of injuries and Welsh squad demands, he has been available for less than half the club programme.

At the end of the last two seasons rumours have started that Davies, aged 24, would be looking for another club, and recently his name has been linked with Llanelli, five miles down the road from his native village of Trimsaran. Moreover in January a magazine article suggested that he was "99 per cent certain" to turn professional this summer, if conditions were right.

Although Davies denied yesterday any intention of turning professional after the World Cup, it is such uncertainty which has probably influenced Neath's situation.

They are obviously seeking a clear commitment to the club for a period of years, to coincide with their own development policy, and it may be that Brian Thomas, their influential team manager, would rather have such a whole-hearted commitment and a lesser talent than the mercurial Davies.

Ironically, in Davies's absence, Neath have frequently played Steve Griffiths at stand-off, who is from Trimsaran too. It is likely that Davies, who recently changed jobs, has been too much in the public eye for his own good. Such is the nature of the "star" rugby player in Wales.

Many players will be looking for a break from the game after the World Cup but Neath, who have not discounted Davies's services entirely, evidently wish to know where they stand now.

It may be that, by doing so, they have created waves which will send Davies floating towards another club, notably Llanelli who have found no satisfactory replacement at stand-off since Gary Pearce went to Rugby League at the beginning of this season.

Saracens warned by Union

Saracens, the north London rugby union club, yesterday incurred the displeasure of the Rugby Football Union after allowing their Southgate ground to be used for training sessions by Halifax rugby league club.

The RFU received queries about the legality of Saracens' decision under union byelaws, but a spokesman for the body said: "We cannot actually stop Saracens doing it, as long as they don't do it regularly. We are in the business of promoting rugby union and not rugby league."

Halifax, who will stay at a hotel in nearby Enfield from tomorrow until they play in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday, said that they had Saracens' permission to use the ground, and had arranged two training sessions before the final.

Carr out of Cup party

Nigel Carr, the outstanding Ireland flanker, has been forced to withdraw from Ireland's World Cup party as a result of the injuries he received on Saturday in the terrorist explosion which killed Lord Justice Maurice Gibson and his wife, Cecily, near the Irish border (David Hands writes).

Carr, aged 27, was on his way to a training session with two colleagues, David Irwin and Philip Rainey, when their vehicle was caught in the bomb blast.

Carr's injuries were more extensive than was first thought; he had 17 stitches in head wounds, fractured ribs and possible injuries to the spleen.

Cup referees named, page 41

Fitness problems worry Wales

By Ian Ross

Mike England's team-sheet bore just four names yesterday as he finalized preparations for Wales's crucial European Championship group six qualifying game against Czechoslovakia at the Racecourse Ground.

England, his squad affected by injuries and withdrawals, could only pencil in the national side's familiar skeleton which stretches from the goalkeeper, Southall, through Southall's Everton colleague, Ratcliffe, up to the forwards, Rush and Hughes.

The flesh will be added to the bare bones this afternoon after at least five players have undergone fitness checks.

Although England refused to name the players under treatment for fear of giving the Czechoslovaks even a glimmer of an advantage it is known that Van den Hauwe, the Belgian-born Everton full back, who has been used to such good effect as a centre back by Wales, is struggling to shake off the effects of a painful thigh injury sustained while playing in a reserve team game at the weekend.

If Van den Hauwe fails to recover in time, Jones, the veteran Huddersfield Town full back, is likely to emerge from international retirement to add to his record 72 caps for his country.

Wales's chances of overcoming a notoriously stubborn Czechoslovak defence have been bolstered by the return of Hughes, the Barcelona forward, after a two-match suspension. On the nine occasions Hughes has linked up with Rush, the Liverpool forward who will shortly join Juventus, Wales have been unbeaten.

Wales, having collected three points from their two games against Finland, lead the group, but with two matches against the formidable Danes still to come they must win tonight to keep on course for a place in next year's finals in West Germany.

"Czechoslovakia will, I am sure, prove to be far more formidable than did the Finns. Technically they are a much better side. They are very difficult to score against but I do think they have a problem of their own in that they themselves find goals difficult to come by," England said.

"I felt against Finland that we played the type and style of football we have been trying to produce. It was possibly our best performance since we defeated Spain at Wrexham two years ago," he added.

Czechoslovakia, lying just behind Wales on goal difference after a win over Finland and a draw against Denmark, will be without their influential defender, Levy, who is suspended after collecting two cautions.

Ratcliffe, the Welsh captain, will tonight become Everton's most capped international when he surpasses Alan Ball's record for the club of 39 appearances for England.

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Czechoslovakia	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Denmark	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Finland	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: June 3: Denmark v Czechoslovakia. September 9: Wales v Denmark, Finland v Czechoslovakia. October 14: Denmark v Wales. November 11: Czechoslovakia v Wales.

Bingham needs old touch

By George Ace

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, has in the past shown a rare ability to obtain results when he most needs them. He needs to demonstrate that ability tonight in his side's European Championship group four qualifying tie against Yugoslavia at Windsor Park.

The game may only be of academic interest so far as the outcome of the competition is concerned but Bingham nevertheless needs to win it if only to restore his side's credibility. Northern Ireland have not scored a goal in this European Championship and have no points.

Bingham will follow the old established custom and not name his team until later today. But an elbow in the face during yesterday's training stint has probably ruled out Jimmy Quinn, the Swindon Town forward. The injury required five stitches.

It looks certain that in attack Bingham will introduce a pairing of Clarke, of Southampton, and Wilson, of Ipswich Town, who have 21 goals to their credit this season.

The position of goalkeeper presents a problem. Hughes, of Bury, is still unavailable owing to an injury and the choice rests between Dunlop (Linfield), who played in the last match, and Platt (Coleraine).

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): G Dunlop (Linfield); G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), M Donaghy (Luton Town), J McClelland (Watford), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), D McCreery (Newcastle United), N Whiteside (Manchester United), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), C Clarke (Southampton), K Wilson (Ipswich Town), D Campbell (Notts County).

Group seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	2	2	0	13	4	6
Bulgaria	3	1	2	0	3	2	4
Rep of Ireland	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Scotland	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	0	9	0

REMAINING FIXTURES: April 30: Luxembourg v Bulgaria. May 20: Bulgaria v Luxembourg. May 28: Luxembourg v Republic of Ireland. September 9: Republic of Ireland v Luxembourg. September 23: Bulgaria v Belgium. October 14: Scotland v Belgium, Republic of Ireland v Bulgaria. November 11: Belgium v Luxembourg, Bulgaria v Scotland. December 2: Luxembourg v Scotland.

Hampshire rest Marshall

Hampshire have made two changes for their three-day match against Oxford University which starts at The Parks, today. Malcolm Marshall, the West Indian fast bowler, has been rested and is replaced by 20-year-old Steve Andrew, while Robin Smith, stands down and Nigel Cowley, the off-spin bowler, comes into the side.

Gladstone Small, the Test fast bowler, has recovered from a side strain and will replace Tim Munton in the Warwickshire team who meet Essex, the county champions in a championship fixture at Chelmsford.

Sussex have included the batsman Paul Parker in their side for the opening home county championship match against Gloucestershire at Hove and Courtney Ricketts, the spin bowler, who has yet to make his first class debut, is named in a squad of 12.

Kent expect to field an unchanged side to face Glamorgan in their first home championship game at Canterbury. Simon Brown, a 17-year-old fast bowler, makes his debut for Northamptonshire in the match against Cambridge University at Fenner's.

Stewards to check on security

The Jockey Club is to investigate crowd control at racecourses. Stewards are concerned that disturbances and alcohol-related incidents of unruly behaviour are still taking place.

In a letter sent to all racecourses this week, the stewards have urged them to make every effort to preserve racing as an attractive spectator sport and have asked executives to complete a questionnaire on policing.

Lord Fairhaven, the senior steward, said: "A realistic presence of property-briefed, full-time uniformed police officers should be on duty throughout the day at all race meetings.

"It has been drawn to our attention that this is not always the case, and the purpose of our questionnaire is to assess each racecourse's current method of crowd control on racedays including their use of security organizations.

"Our security department will evaluate the extent of the problem and the stewards will then decide whether minimum policing provisions should be made mandatory and, if so, how the financial implications might be resolved."

Lord Fairhaven added: "If racecourses are to benefit from increased attendances now that they can offer tax-free betting on-course as an incentive, they must make sure that customers can enjoy the day's racing unhindered by the anti-social behaviour of an unruly minority."

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Claesen considers his future at Tottenham

Nico Claesen, the Belgian international forward, is prepared to leave Tottenham Hotspur if he is left out of the FA Cup final at Wembley next month. Frustrated and disillusioned at his failure to establish himself as a regular with Tottenham, Claesen is considering his future less than six months after his £650,000 transfer from Standard Liège.

"If it stays like this I would like to find another team," Claesen said. "It is no good for me being substitute or playing wide in midfield. I have lost too much confidence. I want to play in the cup final. Everybody wants to play at Wembley and if I don't, that could be the end."

Claesen's dissatisfaction with his club situation has not affected his form for Belgium, who face the Republic of Ireland in tonight's European Championship qualifying match at Lansdowne Road, Dublin. He made fools of Scotland on April 1 with three brilliant goals in Brussels and has already scored seven goals in the current competition.

"I play the way I like to play for Belgium — up front. But it's not every day that I score three goals and I was very pleased with my performance," Claesen said.

The World Cup semi-finalists are the biggest obstacles to the Republic's hopes of qualifying for the final stages of the European Championship in West Germany next year. But victory would give the Irish an excellent chance of progress, with a home game against Bulgaria and two meetings with Luxembourg yet to come.

The main worry for the Irish manager, Jack Charlton, is the fitness of Mick McCarthy, the Manchester City defender. Belgium give a debut to the central defender, Philippe Albert.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); J Anderson (Newcastle United), M McCarthy (Manchester City), K Moran (Manchester United), R Whelan (Liverpool), R Houghton (Oxford United), P McGrath (Manchester United), L Brady (West Ham United), A Galvin (Tottenham Hotspur), J Aldridge (Liverpool), F Stapleton (Manchester United).
BELGIUM: Pfaff; Gerets, Albert, Clysters, Vervoort, Scifo, Grun, Ceulemans, Vercauteren, Claesen, Desmet.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Approval for league

The new premier basketball league has been given the seal of approval after officials of the sport's governing body and the league met at Old Trafford yesterday. The new league, with 16 clubs, will include leading sides from England, Scotland and Wales. Other competitions will continue to be organized directly by the association.

New drive

The former Lotus grand prix driver, Johnny Dumfries, has signed for the Swiftair Ecurie Ecosse team to race in the fourth round of the World Sports Prototype Championship at Silverstone on May 10.

Wrong track

René Arnoux, the Formula One motor racing driver, has had his driving licence suspended for nine months for speeding at 242 kph (151 mph) on a French road. Arnouxwill continue to compete on the track.



Arnoux: speeding

Return tabled

Scotland will play three men's matches against the world table tennis champions, China, next month. The Chinese are currently touring England, but will visit Scotland for the first time since 1971 when they play a full strength Scottish team in Glasgow on May 11, in Edinburgh on May 12 and in Perth on May 14.

Top pair

Ian Woosnam will partner the cricketer, Ian Botham, in the Welsh Rugby Union celebrity pro-am golf tournament at St Pierre, Chepstow, on May 4.

New leader

Roberto Pagnini, of Italy, won the fifth stage of the Tour of Spain cycle race to regain the overall lead from Ireland's Sean Kelly yesterday.

Field support

A campaign by the Central Council of Physical Recreation to halt the sale of school playing fields has received strong parliamentary support. One hundred MP's have added their names to an early day motion urging the government to support the campaign and to improve conditions for sports development.

Olympic contract

Adidas have won the contract to supply the British teams at the 1988 Olympic Games in Calgary (winter) and Seoul (summer).

Lloyds Bank Base Rate.

Lloyds Bank Plc has reduced its Base Rate from 10 per cent to 9·5 per cent p.a. with effect from Tuesday, 28 April 1987.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to Lloyds Bank Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

The change in Base Rate will also be applied from the same date by the United Kingdom branch of The National Bank of New Zealand Limited.

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